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## Security Council sets up peace-keeping force

# UN observers leave for Gulf

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 9. (Agencies): Advance parties of UN observers are on their way to Iran and Iraq to monitor an Aug 20 Gulf ceasefire, a senior UN official said today.

Under Secretary-General Marrack Goulding announced the departure of the observers when he briefed reporters shortly after the Security Council voted unanimously to set up the new UN peace-keeping force called UNIMOG — the UN Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group.

"We have two advance parties which are travelling even now to Baghdad and Tehran," said Goulding, Under Secretary-General for special political affairs and the top official responsible for UN peacekeeping operations.

Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar announced in the Security Council on Monday that the ceasefire would begin at 0300 GMT on Aug. 20.

**Action**  
He strongly appealed to both belligerents not to engage in any hostile action before the truce took effect.

UNIMOG is to consist of about 350 unarmed observers, backed by an unestimated number of military and civilian support staff.

It will also have an air unit to provide planes and helicopters,

and possibly a small naval unit to patrol the strategic Shatt Al Arab waterway between Iran and Iraq.

Goulding said the observers would probably be provided by 25 different countries, chosen on the basis of geographical distribution.

He declined to name the countries until the secretary-general had formally notified the council and received its endorsement.

But he confirmed no observers would be provided by any of the five permanent members of the Security Council — the United States, the Soviet Union, Britain, France and China.

He also disclosed Canada would make available a military signals unit to help get the operation started.

### Response

In accordance with past practice in mounting such operations, the secretary-general had asked the Soviet Union and the United States for help in transporting observers.

"We've had a very positive response from both of them," Goulding added.

He refused any comment when asked who would command the UNIMOG or where its headquarters would be located.

Under a plan by the secretary-general that the council endorsed, UNIMOG is to be commanded by a major general with two detachments headed by a brigadier general in Iran and Iraq.

The observers are to be deployed for an initial six months at an estimated cost of \$74 million.

The costs are to be apportioned among all 159 UN members and Goulding said a special or resumed session of the General Assembly would be summoned very soon — perhaps this week — to vote its approval.

He did not say how many observers would be in the advance parties or how they were travelling. Perez de Cuellar's plan calls for two groups of about 12 observers each to be sent immediately to Iran and Iraq.

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In Washington, White House

spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said the US is ready to pay "its fair share of the costs" of the UN observer force.

Fitzwater also said the US will urge the Gulf states and other interested countries, such as Japan, which receives a substantial share of oil from the region, to contribute voluntarily to the cost of the peace force.

Fitzwater welcomed the ceasefire and said the US "stands ready to bear its fair share of the costs, including the provision of transportation or equipment as necessary to facilitate the mission of the observer force."

"We will stay in close contact with the secretary-general as this process unfolds," he said.



KUWAIT has declared a public holiday for Thursday to mark the declaration of a ceasefire in the eight-year war between neighbours Iran and Iraq.

An official statement said HH the Amir, ordered the holiday "following the announcement by the UN secretary-general of a ceasefire between Iran and Iraq and the agreement to hold direct talks between them to establish peace and brotherhood and end bloodshed."

Kuwait at the top of the Gulf war fighting and several rockets landed in the country after Iran occupied Iraq's nearby Faw oil terminal, recaptured by Iraq last April.

Kuwaiti Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Abdul Aziz Al Rashed said the Amir had also telephoned Iraqi President Saddam Hussein congratulating him on the ceasefire. HH the Crown Prince and Premier congratulated the Deputy Commander of the Iraqi Revolution Command Council, Ezzet Ibrahim.

## Laurels for ceasefire cross political boundaries

# World welcomes Gulf war truce

LONDON, Aug. 9. (Agencies): The world today welcomed the planned ceasefire in the Gulf war and credited UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar with persuading Iran and Iraq to end eight years of bloodshed.

Both East and West agreed that talks rather than military actions were the best way of solving conflicts.

Much of the relief was expressed by Arab Gulf states which, fearing Iran's brand of Islamic fundamentalism and a spillover of the war, poured billions of dollars into Iraq's war machine.

Saudi Arabia congratulated the adversaries on their agreement to ceasefire, but said real peace was far off.

"This announcement is only a start and a first step on the path of peace... the aim of the Arab world in general and Iraq in particular is to achieve durable peace," Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal said.

immediately and not wait until the UN-announced ceasefire goes into effect.

Britain's Foreign Office said London would continue to support the efforts of the UN secretary-general to achieve a comprehensive peace settlement.

France praised Perez de Cuellar's diplomatic skills and saluted Iran and Iraq for opting for peace.

"France hopes these decisions will open the way without delay to a just, durable total settlement..." a Foreign Ministry statement said.

Italy said that the acceptance of UN Resolution 598 was "a significant success for the United Nations" adding the tenacious efforts of Perez de Cuellar had been "deservedly crowned with success."

### Needed

Turkey, which borders the adversaries, was also jubilant about peace prospects. "We congratulate the UN secretary-general for his sincere and persistent efforts in this matter," the Foreign Ministry said.

Ankara said it was ready to offer any assistance needed in the implementation of the ceasefire and during the peace talks.

West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher praised the UN success in the peace drive as reflecting a readiness of East and West to work

together to eliminate crises in the Third World.

Israel, the official enemy of Iraq and Iran, welcomed an end to the bloodshed, saying it hoped the truce would inspire Middle East countries to achieve peace through negotiations.

In Brussels, European commission President Jacques Delors welcomed the UN-sponsored ceasefire and it was vivid proof of the indispensable role of the international body.

In a message on behalf of the European Economic Community's executive, Delors congratulated Perez de Cuellar for negotiating the ceasefire.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak welcomed the announcement and praised Iraq for dedication to peace.

Mubarak, who consistently supported Iraq in the war and supplied it with weapons, said Iraqi President Saddam Hussein had shown "great flexibility" during negotiations before the ceasefire announcement.

**New era**

Jordanian officials said: "We hope the ceasefire will begin a new era in political relations between Iran and the Arabs, especially Iraq," said a senior official at the Information Ministry.

India hailed the announcement of ceasefire.

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## 'UN deserves Nobel Prize'

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 9. (Reuters): UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said today he would be very happy if the world organisation received this year's Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo for achieving a Gulf war ceasefire.

"If the prize can be given to the organisation as a whole, I will be extremely pleased," the UN chief said in answer to a reporter's question after he announced ceasefire in the nearly eight-year Iran-Iraq war.

The 68-year-old diplomat, who has served as chief of the global organisation since 1982, downplayed his own role and said it was a great achievement for the two countries and the United Nations, not a personal milestone.

Asked at a news conference whether he had ever achieved a greater diplomatic success, he said: "Well, perhaps not, but that is not important. This is not a



Perez de Cuellar

personal success. This is a success for the parties, a success for the Security Council, a success for the organisation.

Asked if he had ever despaired during recent negotiations he told reporters: "Well, more than once. But I had to conceal from you sometimes frustrations which I had all along."

West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher said in Bonn today, Perez de Cuellar deserves the Nobel Peace Prize.

## Iraqis rejoice but Iranians see little to celebrate

# People dance in the streets of Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Aug. 9. (Agencies): Iraqis, led by President Saddam Hussein, danced in the streets of Baghdad to celebrate the ceasefire declared yesterday at the United Nations, ending an eight-year-old war that has cost nearly one million casualties.

Iraq today began a three-day national holiday to celebrate "the great victory by Iraq on behalf of all Arabs and in the name of humanity at large."

While praising Saddam for his "brave" initiative and dropping his demand for face-to-face talks before a ceasefire, Arab governments, however, struck a conciliatory tone and "congratulated" both the Iranian and Iraqi peoples on the "happy" news.

### Victory

Saddam, clad in a traditional Arab dress, went into the streets of Baghdad to celebrate "victory" by daocing and firing guns into the air, the state-run Iraqi News Agency reported today.

"Yesterday Baghdad forgot the night and forgot to sleep," the agency said. "Baghdad was a mixture of thrilled cries of joy, horns of automobiles and rattle shots."

Baghdad called Iran's acceptance of the ceasefire a victory for the Iraqi people, who were able to repel the Iranian aggressors.

Iraqis of all ages packed the streets making "V" for victory signs and hoisting Iraqi flags, pictures of Saddam Hussein and olive branches into the air.

Church bells pealed, Muslim preachers shouted God is Great and children gave-out festive bread.

In the Shatt Al Arab waterway in southern Iraq, the first ships and boats seen on the war-ravaged watercourse since the start of the fighting eight years ago blared their horns and sirens.

Saddam (right) waving at cheering crowds in Baghdad. (KUNA photo)

## Rafsanjani asks troops to hold their fire

TEHRAN, Aug. 9. (Agencies): Iran ordered its troops to hold their fire today ahead of a ceasefire which was welcomed with relief but little joy.

Military chief Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, quoted by Tehran Radio, told his forces to start no military action after the UN announcement yesterday of Aug 20 as the date for a ceasefire with Iraq.

But he warned troops to be prepared for further aggression in the war.

Rafsanjani's message said that the Islamic Republic "has decided to create a lasting and comprehensive peace in the region and will continue its path," but that it is faced "with enemies whose claims, promises and agreements cannot be trusted."

Distrust of Iraq permeated the Iranian capital. President Ali Khamenei said Iran still had reason to doubt Iraq, and Prime Minister Mir Hossein Mousavi said today Iraqis should remain on alert.

**Genuine**  
Fears about the difficulties in reaching genuine peace after the ceasefire also muted Iran's reaction.

The Tehran Times said today: "What follows is really going to be crucial."

Awareness of the high death

toll weighed heavily on Tehran today.

"How can we celebrate when we have lost more than half a million dead?" asked one middle-aged businessman, whose son was on the central front.

### Quiet

"Iran is very angry — boys have been killed. The ceasefire is good, but..." said a sales assistant from a clothing shop in Tehran's main Valiasar street.

Pictures of those killed at the front hung in Tehran's streets, which remained largely quiet in contrast to the revelry in Baghdad.

The funeral of two men killed on the front — perhaps some of the latest victims of war — was held in Tehran's martyrs' cemetery today, a colleague of one of the dead men said.

"It is very sad at a time of ceasefire," he said. "Having friends killed just before the war is ending is very hard."

A 30-year-old mechanical engineer, who would not give his name, said peace would be good for Iran and for other countries too. "They will want to trade with us — if it is a real peace."

But one civil servant who said he had three relatives in Iraqi POW camps said he saw the ceasefire as a sort of victory for Iraq.

## Truce may lead to release of hostages

BEIRUT, Aug. 9. (Reuters): A ceasefire in the Gulf war could pave the way to freedom for 18 Western hostages seized by pro-Iranian militants in Lebanon, political analysts and diplomats said today.

"The truce might open doors for negotiations now that Iran has made some policy changes and is ready to talk peace," one Muslim analyst said.

"Iran's need to hold hostages in return for money and weapons should be reduced now," the analyst added. "And with it the concept of holding the captives should change too."

Analysts and diplomats widely believed the western hostages were kidnapped by pro-Iranian extremists on orders from Tehran to help Iran in its war with Iraq.

They said they were cautiously optimistic the ceasefire, to take effect on Aug 20, could bring a quick release of some hostages. Those still held include 10 Americans, three Britons and a West German.

One diplomat said Iran's willingness to accept the role of the UN in ending the Gulf war "was an encouraging sign which could help the hostages."

## Israeli jets demolish PLO radio station

SIDON, Aug. 9. (Agencies): Israeli jets completely demolished a PLO-run radio station and killed three commandos and wounded 12 in an adjacent base in a sustained two-hour raid today, said a police spokesman.

The spokesman said a formation of eight Israeli jetfighters made 14 separate swoops over a two-hour period, firing a total of 26 rockets into the building housing the offices and studios of the Voice of Palestine Radio and a nearby commando base, south-east of Sidon.

The raid was the longest of the 12 carried out by Israeli jets against south Lebanon this year, said the spokesman who cannot be named under standing regulations.

He added that the commando base belongs to the mainline Fatah faction of Yasser Arafat's PLO.

### Visible

"Most of the missiles scored direct hits on the ground floor of the radio station building which went off the air," he added.

"The ground floor, the only visible part of the building above ground was totally demolished by the first four missiles," he said.

Rescuers in a dozen ambulances and fire engines, raced to the scene 30 minutes after the end of the raid and started digging into the three basement floors of the radio building searching for pos-

sible casualties, the spokesman said.

"But they didn't find any one in the demolished building as it seems that the radio staff made their way to a nearby bomb shelter through a back exit shortly after the first floor was demolished," he added.

### Smoke

In Jerusalem an Israeli military spokesman said the radio station was being used "for propaganda and incitement broadcasts, and to relay orders for executing terror attacks."

Falls of thick black smoke billowed from the stricken building and the nearby commando base, about one kilometre (0.6 miles) south of the Mieh Mieh Palestinian refugee camp on Sidon's southeastern edge.

The Marxist Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a member of the PLO, said in a statement the raid aimed at "abrogating our people's uprising in the occupied territories."

It called on all commando factions to "upgrade the alertness among the Palestinian resistance forces to face a possible Israeli military offensive against the Sidon area."

Police sources say at least 5,000 hardcore PLO commandos have filtered back to the Sidon region since Israeli forced Arafat and his fighters to evacuate Beirut in its 1982 invasion of Lebanon.

## Kuwait's human rights record praised

GENEVA, Aug. 9. (KUNA): A United Nations committee has commended Kuwait for its "outstanding record on human rights."

The UN Committee for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination praised Kuwait during a periodic examination yesterday of a report on the country's legislation covering human rights and racial discrimination.

The report was presented to the committee by the counsellor at the Kuwait mission here by Salah Al Othman. The report stated that Kuwait adheres to international law concerning these two issues. It said the government also has established a working group to prevent racial discrimination.

The document also dealt with queries on Kuwaiti human rights legislation that were made by the committee in an earlier review.

### Experts

The committee, made up of 26 experts nominated by governments, conducts an annual review of human rights laws in various countries, questioning government representatives and recommending any changes the committee considers necessary.

In yesterday's session the committee examined human rights legislation enacted by Spain, the

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Ajlaka: 50 per cent  
Maximum humidity expected:  
Umm al-Qaywayn: 10 per cent  
Dubai: 40 per cent  
Ajlaka: 40 per cent



## INTERNATIONAL

## 14-year-old Palestinian shot to death

## Strike paralyzes occupied areas

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug 9. (Agencies): Soldiers shot and killed a 14-year-old Palestinian and wounded at least five others in the Israeli-occupied territories today, on the start of the ninth month of Palestinian uprising, Palestinian sources said.

Strike paralyzed commercial life in East Jerusalem and at least eight major cities in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, including Hebron, Nablus, Tulikarem, Qalqilya, Jericho, Bethlehem, Jenin and Gaza city.

Violence erupted in the West Bank town of Qalqilya during a general strike called for the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Arab east Jerusalem to mark the Dec 9 start of the uprising. Soldiers opened fire on a crowd of Palestinians, killing Ahmed Abdel Kareem Sabri, 14. Palestinian sources said.

**Clashed**

Youths fought took the body out of Qalqilya hospital before doctors could examine it, a hospital spokesman said. He said the youth had been shot and killed.

At least 249 Palestinians and four Israelis have been killed in

violence during the 9-month-old Palestinian uprising against 21 years of Israeli occupation.

Palestinian protesters and troops clashed in most UN-run refugee camps in the Gaza Strip and Gaza city, as well as in several West Bank towns.

In the northern West Bank village of Silat El Harithiya, three Palestinians were shot and wounded in clashes with soldiers. Fighting between soldiers and Palestinians throwing stones and molotovcocktails also erupted in Hebron, Palestinian sources said.

Soldiers opened fire on a crowd of Palestinians who stoned Arab labourers trying to leave for work and military vehicles in the Gaza Strip's Khan Younis refugee camp, an Army spokesman said. Two Palestinians were shot and wounded in their legs, the spokesman said.

The occupied territories were quiet yesterday with only scattered stone-throwing and minor clashes.

Some Palestinians say violence in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip had dis-

sipated in part during the last week because residents were trying to gauge how Jordanian King Hussein's decision to cut ties with the area will affect them.

Arah shopkeepers in East Jerusalem, and the occupied territories kept their businesses closed, and most workers stayed away from their jobs in accordance with a general strike called by the underground committee attempting to direct the uprising.

The civil administration, which oversees the territories for the military, said it banned the distribution of the Arabic-language newspaper Al Fajr for the next two weeks in the Gaza Strip and West Bank because it said the publication defied censorship laws.

Civil administration spokesman Olivier Rafowicz said the newspaper failed to submit an editorial calling on West Bank mayors to resign their positions now that Jordan has cut ties with the territory. An Al Fajr reporter said the editorial did not jeopardize Israeli security and dealt only with Jordanian-Palestinian relations.

In Jerusalem, police said jailed Palestinian activist Faisal Hussein would probably not face criminal charges.

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who signed Hussein's detention order, said he preferred to keep the suspected PLO activist jailed without trial for security reasons.

**Efforts**

Rabin also said he believed neighbouring Jordan could be coaxed back into US-backed peace efforts despite its disengagement from the West Bank because Jordan only appeared to have made the move as a challenge to the PLO.

"If there will be a readiness on the part of Israel and the United States, the Jordan option can be reopened," Rabin said. "He (Hussein) told the Palestinians, 'if you don't want me, prove yourselves. Take over, prove that you are capable of doing something.'"

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said Israel would hold separate talks with Jordan and the Palestinians if that was their preference.

## South Africa to start pullout today

## Angola ceasefire takes hold

JOHANNESBURG, Aug 9. (Reuters): South Africa said its troops are to start pulling out of Angola on Wednesday, ending more than a decade of involvement in the 13-year civil war.

Announcing a ceasefire agreement in Pretoria on Monday, South Africa pledged to withdraw completely from Angola by Sept 1.

In return Angola and Cuba have undertaken to remove the estimated 50,000 Cuban troops which have supported the Luanda government against rebels of the pro-Western UNITA (National Union for the Total Independence of Angola) backed by Pretoria.

"The ceasefire is now in effect," South African Foreign Minister P.W. Botha told reporters, giving details of the agreement reached by the three countries at talks in Geneva last week.

Pretoria undertook to

implement a United Nations plan for independence in Namibia, which South Africa has ruled in defiance of the United Nations.

South African President P.W. Botha has invited UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar to South Africa urgently to discuss implementation of UN resolution 435, the Foreign Minister said.

## Elections

He said the three countries had invited the United Nations to start implementing on Nov 1 the resolution calling for UN-supervised elections in the east but sparsely-populated territory, provided that a timetable for Cuban withdrawal was agreed.

"That has not yet happened, that has still to happen," P.W. Botha said.

Botha said he wanted to know from the United Nations who would pay the estimated \$750-million cost of holding the elec-

tions and of the transition in government.

Botha said Pretoria wanted reassurance from Perez de Cuellar that the UN would be impartial in supervising the move to independence.

He gave few details of how the agreement, thrashed out in a series of US-mediated talks, would unfold.

The South West Africa People's Organisation, which has fought a 22-year guerrilla war largely from bases in Angola, said it would cease military activities in Namibia and allow South African forces in Angola to withdraw peacefully into Namibia.

The UNITA rebels under Jonas Savimbi, who are armed and supplied by Pretoria and Washington, said they would continue fighting until Angola's ruling MPLA agreed to discuss their demands for a share in the government of Angola.

## Britain rejoices at birth of new princess

LONDON, Aug 9. (Reuters): Britain has welcomed the birth of its newest princess, the Duke and Duchess of York's first child, who came into the world on what many believe to be the luckiest day of the century.

She was born on the eighth day of the eighth month of 1988, a date which according to Chinese superstition is the luckiest of the century.

On a day when international news was dominated by announcement of a ceasefire in the Gulf war, Britain's popular newspapers carried the banner headline "It's a girl."

The Duke of York, Prince Andrew, who is Queen Elizabeth's second son, waved at the cheering crowd as he drove from London's Portland Hospital after attending the birth last night of his six pounds 12 ounce (3.06-kg) daughter.

Crowds pressed against Buckingham Palace's railings to read an official birth notice announcing that mother and baby were well.

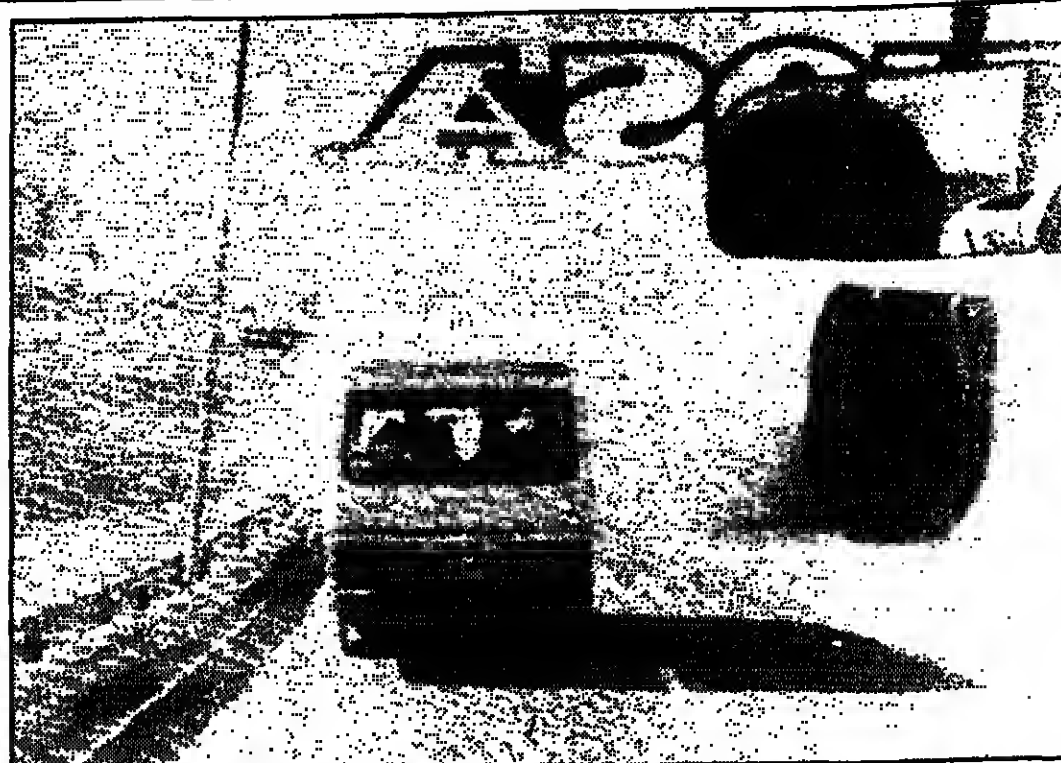
The child will carry the title of princess and be fifth in line to the throne after Queen Elizabeth's eldest son Prince Charles, his children William and Harry, and Prince Andrew. Her name has not been announced yet but Elizabeth, Annabel and Victoria were the favoured forecasts.

In pubs, drinkers "wet the baby's head" in toasts to her good health. Outside the hospital, London's town crier dressed in ceremonial red regalia rang a big brass bell and sprayed champagne.

Banners congratulating the royal couple fluttered from office windows as a small army of photographers awaited the arrival of royal visitors and hoped the duchess would pose with the baby at her window.

The red-haired duchess is popularly known as "Fergie." "Hip, hip hooray Fergie is a mum," read one headline in the popular Sun newspaper. Its masthead, renamed "royal baby sun" for the day, featured a drawing of a crown-stored carrying a baby.

Newspapers predicted the new princess would be able to enjoy the luxuries of royal life without the duties and pressures suffered by those ahead of her in the line of succession.



A cloud of dust erupts in front of the cars in the official motorcade carrying US Secretary of State George Shultz to La Paz when a remotely controlled bomb was detonated. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Bombing will not intimidate US and Bolivia, says Shultz

LA PAZ, Aug 9. (Reuters): Secretary of State George Shultz vowed that a bomb attack on his motorcade will not intimidate the United States or Bolivia in their fight against drug traffickers.

"We will not be intimidated and the Bolivian government will not be intimidated," Shultz said at a press conference after the attack yesterday.

No one was injured but four motorcade cars were damaged when the remote-controlled dynamite blew up near the road moments after Shultz passed.

**Weak**

Shultz continued his scheduled meetings with Bolivia's top leaders on co-operation against drug trafficking and other issues.

Some Bolivian officials think the explosives, which were evidently too weak to kill Shultz, were set off by drug traffickers in an effort to intimidate the

secretary of state and Bolivian officials.

In an anonymous call to a local radio station, a person said the attack had been carried out by a group calling itself the "Simon Bolivar Command."

The radio gave no further details and there was no immediate information about the group whose name would derive from a 19th century hero of Latin America's independence wars against Spain.

**Largest**

Shultz did not accuse a specific group but said in a speech to Bolivian dignitaries:

"The traffickers want us to look the other way. The terrorists want us to run and hide. You have picked the wrong people."

Our schedule of meeting went forward as planned. The enemies of decency and democracy will not get their way. Bolivia and the United States will stand together. We will win this war."

## Catholics riot across N. Ireland

BELFAST, Aug 9. (UPI): Thousands of Catholics rioted across Northern Ireland early today, hurling firebombs and torches in anti-British protests to mark the 17th anniversary of Britain's one-time policy of internment of Irish Republican Army suspects without trial.

As the situation quietened down by late evening, a police spokesman said 42 people had been arrested after a total of 83 separate attacks against security forces in at least a dozen towns. No deaths were reported, but eight policemen and at least four civilians were hospitalised with injuries, according to a provincial toll.

"It was basically a sporadic night of violence that spilled over into the early hours today," a police spokeswoman told UPI.

"The situation has returned to normal now, but we are obviously on the alert for further trouble."

At least three people were reported missing after their car was forced to a stop by a burning barricade in an Irish Republican Army stronghold and they were pulled from their vehicle, authorities said. Police had no further details on the incident.

Officials and witnesses said the riots, including bomb and gun attacks against police and Army posts by gangs of up to 200 youths in some cases, erupted shortly after midnight when IRA supporters lit bonfires to commemorate the 17th anniversary of internment IRA suspects without trial, a policy introduced in 1971, but abandoned in 1975.

## Mideast peace process

## US will continue to deal with Jordan

AMMAN, Aug 9. (Agencies): US envoy Richard Murphy said today Washington will continue dealing with Jordan in Middle East peace moves, despite King Hussein's decision to sever ties with the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

"We are going to continue to work with Jordan and other Arab states to try to advance through negotiations a comprehensive peace," Murphy said in a departure statement after conferring with King Hussein.

He added that Jordan's commitment to the Palestinian issue "and to seek peace has been manifested for many years ... and I heard no suggestions that Jordan was in any way backing away from the commitment."

Murphy arrived here yesterday to seek clarifications following Hussein's decision last week to sever Jordan's legal and administrative links with the Palestinians in the formerly Jordanian administered West Bank.

The king has explained that his move was designed to strengthen the Palestinian struggle for self-determination. On Sunday he announced that he would extend full recognition to a proposed Palestinian government-in-exile as soon as it was formed by the PLO.

Asked whether Washington would recognise a Palestinian government-in-exile, Murphy said: "This is just too hypothetical for me to answer."

"As far as I know there is no decision to form such government. Questions that face getting into a peace settlement in the region are going to require negotiations. These things are not going to be settled outside the negotiating arena."

Murphy flew to Cairo, the fifth stop in his tour after Israel, Lebanon and Syria.

Asked whether he would confer with Palestinian officials while in Cairo, Murphy said "I have not heard whether anything was scheduled there or not."

**Able**

"I look forward if the Palestinian side was able to get together with me ... I look forward to that meeting," he added.

Meanwhile, PLO leader Yasser Arafat was quoted by the Qatar News Agency as saying that Egypt had not achieved any progress in arranging a meeting between Palestinian officials and Murphy.

Arafat also told QNA Hussein's recent decisions were "still under study" by the Palestinian leadership.

## People dance in the streets of Baghdad

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whose population was more than a million before the war, people poured in to the streets.

The Shatt al Arah waterway which runs through Basra witnessed a waterborne celebration as ships and boats blasted their horns.

"The ships and boats appeared in the waterway for the first time since the start of the war ... blowing their horns and sirens the same way they used to do on Christmas and New Year eves before the war," a Basra resident said.

Massoud Rajavi, leader of the National Liberation Army of Iran, issued a statement saying the ceasefire indicates that Iran's policies under Ayatollah Khomeini had failed.

"Peace marks the beginning of the inevitable burial of the Khomeini regime," Rajavi said in a statement. Establishment of freedom and national sovereignty.

## Cosmonaut dies

MOSCOW, Aug 9. (Reuters): Anatoly Levchenko, a Soviet cosmonaut who took part in a mission to the Mir space station last December, has died, the official Soviet news agency Tass said today. He was 47.

Tass said he died on Saturday after a grave illness, without elaborating.

## Kuwait, Saudi Arabia rush relief to Sudan

A NUMBER of Kuwaiti Air Force military transport planes will carry consignments of relief material to Sudan, KUNA reported yesterday.

The government had decided to dispatch the material for the Sudanese people to help remove their sufferings as a result of the recent floods.

Saudi Arabia also said today it was sending medical supplies, food, clothing and tents to Sudan to help victims of severe floods which ravaged the capital of Khartoum.

The official Saudi Press Agency said King Fahd instructed government agencies to fly in the relief supplies urgently.

More than a million people were made homeless when torrential rain flooded the city of four million on the banks of the Nile.

## Warning

Sudan today warned of a possible flood disaster along the Nile and outbreaks of disease after torrential rain inundated the capital and made 1.5 million people homeless.

The official Sudan News Agency (SUNA) quoted a senior Irrigation Ministry official as saying the level of the Nile on Monday was already above the record flood of 1946.

The Nile, Africa's longest river, runs from Sudan through Egypt to the Mediterranean and is the lifeblood of Egyptian agriculture.

Irrigation Ministry Undersecretary Tajelser Ahmed Mohammed put the water level at 15.86 metres (52 feet), about one metre (3 ft) below what he termed a dangerous level.

Information Minister Abdullah Mohammed Ahmed urged people living on the banks of the Nile and islands in the river to take precautions.

Tens of thousands of mud butts in the city of four million have already been washed away and large areas of Khartoum's Tuti Island in the Blue Nile have been submerged.

## Emergency

The government on Monday declared a six-month state of emergency to tackle the devastation caused by a 13-hour down-pour last Thursday and Friday.

No precise casualty figures were available but scores of people were believed killed or injured. Some residents were electrocuted when floodwaters toppled power pylons.

The director of Khartoum's biggest hospital warned in an interview with SUNA that malaria, cholera and typhoid epidemics were imminent.

He said cases of cholera and other contagious diseases have been detected.

Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi said earlier his coalition needed special powers to tackle devastation from what many said were the worst floods to hit the country this century.

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## Pregnancy hampering Benazir's campaign

KARACHI, Aug 9. (Reuters): The pregnancy of Pakistani opposition leader Benazir Bhutto is hampering her campaign for elections in November, sources in her Pakistan People's Party (PPP) said today.

She missed the first opposition election rally in northern Sindh province on Aug 5 through ill health and is doubtful for the second in Peshawar on Thursday, they said.

Benazir, 35, the opposition's most charismatic leader, is expecting her first child towards the end of the year, according to members of her family.

**Barred**

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PPP official Pyarali Allana

said almost all the candidates supported by the party wanted to meet Benazir, as well as leaders of other parties.

"It is just not possible for her," Allana said. "She is not feeling well."

Benazir, who inherited the PPP leadership from her father, has asked her mother Nusrat to return from Europe to lead the party's campaign.

Nusrat Bhutto, who has lived in self-imposed exile since Nov 1982, attended her daughter's wedding in Karachi last December.

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## Rajiv attacks national front

NEW DELHI, Aug 9. (Agencies): Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi today blasted a new opposition coalition as an alliance of "vested interests" and "forces of right reaction" and urged his party to take the fight against it "to the streets or to the fields."

Rajiv's attack on the national front was the first he has made against the new coalition of seven centrist opposition groups that aim to parlay their combined strengths into a victory in general elections that must be held before the end of 1989.

## Allegations

The national front is led by Rajiv's former Finance Minister V.P. Singh, who was expelled from ruling Congress (I) Party last year after questioning the government's handling of corruption allegations, and N.T. Rama Rao, the flamboyant Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh state and a former film star.

The seven-party alliance is made up of Singh's Jan Morcha, the rural-based Lok Dal, the Janata, the Congress (S), a break-away faction of Rajiv's Congress (I), and three regional parties: the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam, the Assam Gana Parishad and the Telugu Desam.

"The new alliance of vested interests consists of big landlords and capitalists," Rajiv charged in a speech to a New Delhi rally called by his Congress (I) party to commemorate the 1942 launching of the Quit India Movement that led to independence from Britain in 1947.

"What have these people, who are now trying to gang up against the Congress (I), done for the poor and the weaker sections?" he asked his audience.

"The challenge posted by these forces of right reaction will have to be met squarely, no matter if the battle has to be carried to the streets or the fields," said Rajiv to loud applause.

Meanwhile, opposition front today pledged to crack down on corruption and to reverse Rajiv's economic liberalisation plans. If it wins next general elections.

Outlining the national front's programme, V.P. Singh told reporters today its aim was to establish a socialist society with drastic changes to fiscal policy. Singh said Indians who kept illegal foreign bank accounts deposits would be treated as "anti-national."

## World welcomes truce

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An official spokesman said that India had always sought early termination of the conflict. "We look forward to co-operation with both Iraq and Iran towards post-war reconstruction," the spokesman said.

Shipping operators said maritime trade in the Gulf would pick up slowly if peace lasted.

**Damaged**

But some Iranian and Iraqi ports were too damaged to reopen quickly and neither country could afford to suddenly boost imports, they said.

"We're not going to dance in the streets about any sudden huge increase in Gulf trade," shipping agent Kenneth Mackinley said in Dubai. "We're talking about a long-term trend."

Japanese Foreign Minister Sosuke Uno welcomed the ceasefire agreement and said Tokyo was prepared to co-operate in peace efforts and reconstruction in both countries.

## Kuwait's human rights

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UAE and Kuwait. Al Othman noted that free public education is accorded to all persons living in Kuwait as a matter of principle.

All foreigners have access to the university, but since foreigners comprise 60 per cent of Kuwait's population, priority is given to Kuwaitis, the diplomat said.

Al Othman observed that in Kuwait foreign workers can establish a trade union to protect their rights and to provide a forum to discuss problems.

There also is freedom of conscience and freedom of religion in Kuwait, he went on.

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A masked demonstrator raises his arms in a gesture of defiance during mass rallies in Rangoon, calling for a democratic government and the ousting of new socialist leader Sein Lwin. (Reuter wirephoto)

#### Appeal by opposition rejected

### Mahathir wins court battle

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 9, (Reuters). Malaysia's Supreme Court today upheld a lower court ruling which had declared illegal the old ruling party of Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad.

The five judges rejected an appeal by 11 political rivals of the Prime Minister who were seeking to revive the United Malays National Organisation (UMNO), once headed by Mahathir.

The Supreme Court judgment said: "This court is in total agreement with the construction given by the high court judge on his interpretation of sections 12 (3) and 41 (C) of Societies Act."

Lawyers said today's ruling saved Mahathir, Prime Minister since 1981, from political embarrassment.

He set up a new party when the old UMNO was declared illegal by the high court in February, purging his leading political

rivals, including former Trade and Industry Minister Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah.

The high court ruled in February the old UMNO had violated provisions of the country's societies act and was therefore an illegal organisation.

The high court ruling followed complaints by Mahathir's opponents of irregularities, including bringing in votes from 30 unlawful branches, in the party's 1987 April poll, which saw Mahathir re-elected narrowly as President.

**Branches**  
Former Trade Minister Razaleigh's 11 supporters had urged the Supreme Court to rule that 30 branches were illegal but not the entire UMNO organisation.

They also wanted the court to declare the party election last year illegal and order a fresh poll.

But the Supreme Court upheld a cross appeal by Mahathir supporters to quash a high court

recommendation that UMNO officials elected at party elections in 1984 should take steps to rectify the irregularities that led to the party's illegality.

Mohammad Shafee Abdullah, a lawyer who argued the case on behalf of the 11 dissidents, said: "Our job in the court is over. The battle is now back to the political field."

Mahathir, 62, faces a stiff challenge from the dissidents to save his fledgling party in a parliamentary by-election set for Aug 25 in the Malaysia's southern Johore state.

UMNO was the most powerful of the ruling National Front, a coalition of 13 Malay, Chinese and Indian parties. By tacit agreement, the president of UMNO becomes the Prime Minister.

The party has provided all of Malaysia's four prime ministers since independence from Britain in 1957.

#### Curfew imposed on Rangoon

### 36 Burmese protesters killed

BANGKOK, Aug 9, (Agencies). Security forces killed at least 36 demonstrators and arrested nearly 1,500 as massive protests erupted today in Rangoon and 26 other areas of Burma, state-owned Radio Rangoon reported.

Reports from Rangoon-based diplomats said the casualty toll in Rangoon may have been higher as troops in the Burmese capital fired on demonstrators calling for the overthrow of new President Sein Lwin.

A US official in Washington said witnesses reported seeing demonstrators carrying bodies of dead protesters over their heads as they marched through the streets of Rangoon.

The radio broadcast said military authorities clamped an indefinite 8 pm to 4 am curfew on Rangoon and banned gatherings of more than five people. The city has been under martial law since Aug 3.

Security forces opened fire on four occasions today and casualty figures were still being gathered, the radio said. It reported 1,451 "looters and disturbance makers" had been arrested, but it was unclear whether

this included an earlier announced figure of more than 800 arrested during protests yesterday.

The radio said five people were known to have been killed and 55 wounded in Rangoon, while 31 people died and 37 were wounded when 5,000 demonstrators tried to seize the police station in Sagaing, in central Burma.

**Protests**  
Sagaing, one of Burma's Buddhist centres, is located near Mandalay, the country's second-largest city and site of other protests. The broadcast listed a total of 26 areas, not including Rangoon, where demonstrations had broken out.

The US official, who spoke on condition of not being identified, said reports from Rangoon indicated the number of casualties today could be in "the hundreds." But the official warned: "It takes days for such information to be sorted out, witnesses interviewed and exact numbers arrived at."

One Rangoon-based diplomat said there were reports of more than 100 people killed as students, monks and others confronted heavily armed soldiers that deployed in the city after

martial law was declared last week.

All schools throughout the country, a main source of opposition, were closed on Monday and diplomats said office workers were sent home.

Martial law has been in effect in Rangoon since last Wednesday, with troops replacing the hated Lon Htein riot police on the streets.

Diplomats said the military appeared to tolerate Monday's demonstration but were deployed to break them up today.

Burmese working for foreign news organisations and based in Rangoon said they had been called to the official news agency of Burma to be given a briefing.

They said they were unable to move through the streets in early afternoon because of the shooting and the massive crowds. The capital, with a population of 3.5 million, was swelled by big crowds moving in from outlying areas.

The student-led demonstrations were the climax of six months of social and political turmoil that has shaken the tight grip the ruling military-led Burma

Socialist Programme Party has had since a military coup in 1962.

Diplomats said more than 200 people died in clashes between demonstrators and riot police in March and June that finally pushed party leader Ne Win to stand down.

His successor, Sein Lwin, has promised reforms and respect for civil rights but his words have been drowned by the surge of popular protest.

**Visa**  
In Bangkok and Hong Kong, Burmese consular officials said they had been ordered by Rangoon to stop issuing tourist visas to Burma, but the Burmese embassy in Tokyo said it was continuing to process them.

Businessmen could still apply for special visas to enter the country, the officials said.

In recent weeks, Burmese embassies around the world have been attempting to screen out journalists applying under tourist visas. The Associated Press has been unable to enter the country and its Rangoon correspondent, Sein Win, was arrested by authorities last month along with a number of critics of the government.

### Indian police accused of torturing people

LONDON, Aug 9, (Reuters). Thousands of people have been unlawfully killed, tortured and detained by Indian police and security forces, Amnesty International charged today.

The London-based human rights group, in a report on India's human rights record since Aug 1987, said the violations had occurred because legal safeguards had been altered and national and state security forces were operating with impunity.

"There is a serious danger of innocent individuals falling victims to the widely defined powers which the government has given to members of the security forces under special laws to arrest, detain and shoot to kill if such powers are used arbitrarily," it said.

Amnesty called on the government to abolish the death penalty, restore legal safeguards and set up independent investigations of all cases of death in custody, unlawful killings and torture.

It said it had submitted the report to Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi in June but had received no reply.

A spokesman for the Indian Home Ministry in Delhi indicated that the allegations were "matter for the courts and said: "The Indian legal system is quite independent and can take care of such complaints. We are an open society with an independent legal system where the judiciary is not only independent but also known for its independence."

#### No reaction

The government has told parliament in the past that it takes no notice of Amnesty reports.

Amnesty said certain prisoners could now be tried without usual safeguards and security forces were immune to prosecution. Those most vulnerable to abuse were members of the scheduled castes or tribes (so-called "untouchables").

The most persistent allegations of torture were in the state of Punjab, where prisoners reported being beaten while suspended from the ceiling, sometimes upside down, and given electric shocks.

Dozens of deaths in custody were also reported including people involved in peaceful political activity.

Those responsible have not been brought to justice, Amnesty said, adding that under a constitutional amendment passed in March the government can proclaim a state of emergency in Punjab and even suspend the protection of life.

The report also cited allegations of extrajudicial killings by security forces.

### New protein can block AIDS virus

WASHINGTON, Aug 9, (Reuters). Medical researchers said they had synthesised a protein found in laboratory tests to prevent the AIDS virus from infecting human immune cells.

The protein "seems to prevent infection of the body's immune cells by the AIDS virus in the laboratory," said Lee Eiden, a scientist at the National Institute of Mental Health who led the team.

Eiden told Reuters laboratory results were sufficiently encouraging to begin testing the protein in September on monkeys infected with a virus similar to AIDS.

But it was too early to say whether the protein would eventually be found able to block the AIDS virus from infecting humans.

Eiden led a team of researchers from the Mental Health Institute, the National Cancer Institute, the Food and Drug Administration and Genelabs Inc. of Redwood City.

The synthesised protein was derived from CD4, a large molecule found at the point of the shell of a disease-fighting cell where the AIDS virus attaches itself prior to entering the cell and killing it.

Genital ulcers and being circumcised appear to increase the odds a heterosexual male will become infected with the AIDS virus, researchers reported in findings that could help pinpoint new ways to stem the epidemic.

#### Trial resumes in Frankfurt

### Hamadi confesses to TWA hijacking

FRANKFURT, Aug 9, (Reuters). A Lebanese confessed in a West German court today to the 1985 hijacking of a US airliner to Beirut in which an American serviceman was shot to death.

Mohammad Ali Hamadi, a Shi'ite Muslim, made the admission in a statement in Frankfurt prison courtroom where he has been on trial for more than a month.

It was the first time Hamadi had spoken about the hijacking charge at the trial. He did not refer to a charge of murdering US Navy diver Robert Stethem, who was shot dead during the hijacking.

In a statement issued shortly after today's session of the trial began today, Hamadi said he and another man commandeered the Trans-World Airlines (TWA) plane to Beirut after it took off from Athens, with the aim of obtaining the release of hundreds of Shi'ite Muslim guerrillas held in Israel.

The hijacking ended and 39 American hostages were freed at Beirut airport after 17 days when Israel agreed to release about 700 guerrillas.

Hamadi, who has said he took part in fighting against Israeli troops in Lebanon, told the court the decision to hijack the plane was taken only after all other attempts to secure the guerrillas' release had failed.

Hamadi said the world was deaf as far as the guerrillas held in Israel were concerned.

#### Freedom

"There was no other possibility to obtain their freedom, except the method which was then used," Hamadi testified, referring to the June hijacking.

His surprise admission to the hijacking threw into question the future course of the trial, in which many former TWA hostages had been scheduled to testify as witnesses starting next month.

Until today, Hamadi had totally refused to comment on the murder and air piracy charges against him, and his trial had been expected to last many months.

The trial, a rare case of an accused Arab hijacker reaching a Western court, has been closely monitored by the United States, which originally sought Hamadi's extradition after his arrest in West Germany in January, 1987.

In his statement today, Hamadi accused Israel of violating international law with its periodic incursions into Lebanon and Shi'ite guerrillas.

"If this act (hijacking) that I committed is illegal, then it's the outflow of the illegal behaviour of Israel," Hamadi said.

### N. Korea seeks urgent talks on Olympics

SEOUL, Aug 9, (AP). North Korea called today for urgent parliamentary talks on its demand to co-host the Olympic Games and rejected South Korea's proposal for preliminary negotiations.

The Communist North said it would agree to a meeting Aug 17 to handle logistical arrangements for inter-parliamentary talks on the Olympics and a non-aggression pact.

"Time is too short to take the form of holding a preliminary contact and then the full talks under the present condition where 40 days... are left until the opening of the Olympic Games that must be debated as an urgent agenda item," the letter said.

The Olympic Games start Sept 17 in Seoul and North Korea has said it will boycott unless it can co-host the event.

The letter from Yang Hyong Sop, chairman of the Supreme People's Assembly, said it wanted the first full meeting of both parliaments to be held in its capital of Pyongyang. It was addressed to South Korean national assembly speaker Kim Chae-Sun.

The letter, delivered at the border truce site of Panmunjom,

said just three to five delegates from each side should attend the Aug 17 meeting rather than 15-member delegations proposed by Seoul.

#### Agenda

South Korea, which had tentatively accepted a North Korean call last month for legislative talks on the Olympics and non-aggression pact, wants detailed preliminary talks to set an agenda. It called for the preliminary negotiations this week.

Officials in Seoul were studying the North Korean letter and had no immediate reaction.

South Korea fears the North may use terrorism to try and disrupt the Olympics and the new moves to reduce tension stirred hopes of ending any potential threat.

North Korea was implicated in the Nov 29 bombing of a South Korean airliner with the deaths of all 115 people aboard as part of efforts to disrupt the Olympics.

The North sees the South's hosting of the Olympics as a major political defeat since both sides claim to be the sole legitimate government on the divided Korean peninsula.

### Ferry victims cremated

KATIHAR, Aug 9, (AP). Police marksmen fired seven shots into the air today as a show of respect for more than 400 people who died in India's worst ferry disaster.

"Let their souls rest in peace," Hindu pandits and Muslim clerics prayed. Bodies of 10 Hindu victims were placed on wooden logs near the banks of the sacred Ganges river and set afire.

About 1,000 relatives and local villagers watched silently. Divers spotted the 35-year-old steam-powered ferry for the first

time since it overturned Saturday and dumped at least 542 people, mostly Hindu pilgrims on their way to a shrine, into the surging water.

About 100 people, most who were standing on the open-air upper deck, swam to shore or were rescued by local villagers in small boats.

A confidential government report blamed the accident on overcrowding and safety violations, according to senior local officials who spoke on condition of anonymity.

### Afghan pilot escapes from Pakistani jail

MOSCOW, Aug 9, (Reuters). An Afghan Air Force pilot who was captured by Muslim rebels escaped from an underground cell and has returned home, the Soviet news agency Tass reported today.

Tass said Lieutenant Ali Modad had been captured by rebels in Pakia province of Afghanistan and was sent to Miranshah, in Pakistan.

"For many weeks the officer was languishing in an underground jail," but he finally escaped, Tass said. It charged that he had been tortured by the rebels and "Pakistani counter-intelligence officers" while imprisoned.

The Tass report came a day after sources in Islamabad said two crewmen from an Afghan jet fighter had defected and a Soviet urman had been captured in Pakistan in separate incidents.

Tass did not mention either of the Islamabad reports.

Pakistan is host to the rebel groups fighting the Soviet-backed Kabul government and three million Afghan refugees from the war.

### 91 killed as storm hits eastern China

BEIJING, Aug 9, (UPI). The biggest typhoon to hit eastern China in 30 years destroyed thousands of homes, killed at least 91 people and left more than 100 fishermen missing as it devastated coastal cities, local officials said today.

Officials in the scenic city of Hangzhou, capital of Zhejiang province, mobilised more than 1,000 troops and 10,000 workers after the storm left it without electricity. Police patrolled darkened streets and alleys overnight to control traffic and prevent looting.

The typhoon struck the eastern province early Monday as residents recovered from two other weather disasters — a killer heat wave and the worst flooding in 40 years, which left as many as 500 people dead last week.

In a rare public admission of the devastation, Zhejiang governor Shen Zulun described the damage as "extremely serious" and said "a great number of farm fields had been flooded and houses destroyed," the official Xinhua news agency reported.

At least 91 people were killed and more than 524 injured across

the province in the storm, which uprooted hundreds of trees and cut power in Hangzhou, a popular tourist destination, said Xie Longda, an official at the Zhejiang flood and drought control headquarters.

He said provincial officials plan to contact international relief organisations to help reconstruction efforts due to the scale of recent natural disasters.

"The damage is particularly serious because this is just the most recent in a string of weather calamities which have struck the province this summer," said Li Qiang, a spokesman for Hangzhou civil affairs bureau.

The typhoon's high winds destroyed more than 18,000 houses across 20 counties, and ruined around 100,000 acres of cotton and damaged 165,000 acres of arable land, Li said. It was the worst storm to hit the province since 1956.

In the ports of Ningbo and Zhoushan, officials said 14 fishing boats sank and seven were missing at sea, leaving two fishermen dead and 110 others missing. Another 58 boats sank in the Qiantang river.

### Moscow trying to find an alternative to Kabul regime

ABUL, Aug 9, (UPI). Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze met members of an internal opposition during a visit to Kabul in what eastern diplomats saw as an attempt by Moscow to find alternatives to the divided Najibullah government.

The diplomats made the servants as the first unit of viet troops guarding Kabul the capital for home.

The Western diplomats said Shevardnadze's four-day visit, which ended Sunday, was an effort to ensure Moscow retains influence in Afghanistan if Soviet troops withdraw from the war-stricken country.

Shevardnadze sought to make contact with the internal political opposition — excluding Islamic rebels — as much as he did to improve relations with

Najibullah's government, the diplomats said.

Significantly, Shevardnadze met with a broad range of prominent figures within the state apparatus, the diplomats said. He did not limit himself to contacts within the ruling People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan, headed by Najibullah.

"There are a whole range of interpretations, ranging from spreading the Soviet gospel to canvassing alternative leaders," said one diplomat.

A Soviet source who met briefly with Shevardnadze said the foreign minister assured him Moscow had no plans to end its support for Najibullah, a former secret police chief universally vilified by the fractious seven-group guerrilla alliance fighting to topple the Kabul government.

But the source acknowledged that Najibullah would have to leave office if any political

accommodation is to be reached with the US-backed rebels following the total withdrawal of Soviet troops under the April 14 Geneva accord.

Shevardnadze and US Ambassador Jack Matlock met in Moscow yesterday for an exchange of issues including the situation in Afghanistan, the Tass news agency reported.

Tass said that at Matlock's request, Shevardnadze reviewed the situation in Afghanistan during their talks at the Foreign Ministry.

"He corroborated the viewpoint that an obvious imbalance emerged in the Afghan settlement," Tass said, quoting Shevardnadze. "At a time when the Afghan government and the Soviet Union consistently adhered to the course towards implementing in full the Geneva agreements, Pakistan continued destructive actions."

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# Gulf war casualty count anyone's guess

LONDON, Aug 9, (Reuters): Estimated casualties in the eight-year Gulf war is largely a guessing game, according to military experts who say it is unlikely anyone will ever know exactly how many Iranians and Iraqis died.

British military sources estimated the number of dead at one million — 750,000 Iraqis and 250,000 Iraqis — but say the figures are based on guesswork as well as intelligence information gathered in Tehran and Baghdad.

**Exaggerated**  
"We worked out a formula that X means Y and Y means Z," one source said. "We took into consideration that military commanders coming back from the front exaggerated."

The source said no one in

Britain was in a position to know the exact number of wounded and "if you add up all their claims, you end up with the population of China."

Heno Kopietz of the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies said: "Both sides have been lying, understating their own casualties while exaggerating their enemy's."

Asked about the figure of one million dead, he said: "Whether it is high or low, we don't know. None of us so-called experts has been in the middle of the fighting."

But Francis Tusa of the Royal Institute for Defence Studies in London said the Iraqis probably lost between 350,000 and 500,000 dead and the Iraqis, 150,000 to 200,000.

The number of wounded is

apparently double those figures, he said.

Tusa said he based his estimates on statements from Iran and Iraq — with significant adjustments.

"Iraqi (statements) are getting a little more reasonable in the last few months. They are claiming (to have killed) in the low thousands or hundreds. You can pretty much estimate they are relatively accurate if you knock a nought (zero) off and divide by two."

**Modified**  
Iranian casualty statements should be modified by "taking a nought off and dividing by three," Tusa said.

"If you add up all the figures, you come up somewhere that they killed every living male in Iraq several times over," he said.

## Kuwait and Iraq's security 'indivisible'

KUWAIT'S Minister of Interior Sheikh Salem Al Sabah said yesterday: "Kuwait's security is part of Iraq's security and vice versa."

He also said talks held during a three-day visit to Kuwait by Iraqi Minister of Interior Samir Abdul Wahab focussed on bilateral relations.

The Iraqi minister left Kuwait at noon yesterday.

He was seen off at the airport by Sheikh Salem and other senior Interior Ministry officials.

In a departure statement Abdul Wahab said that the results of the visit were positive and effective, expressing the will of the Iraqi people to make the Kuwait-Iraqi ties an example to be followed by others.

HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah received the Iraqi minister yesterday.

## Pilgrimage to Makkah

### Ministry ensures high standard of service

THE Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs wants to ensure high standards of services to pilgrims visiting the holy places.

The assistant Undersecretary of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs for pilgrims and mosques Abdul Rahman Al Fares said that every year the ministry sets up a committee to inspect buildings rented by caravan owners in Makkah and Madina for Kuwaiti pilgrims.

**Ensure**

Caravans are accompanied by a committee whose functions are to ensure that all rules and regulations as stipulated by the ministry are followed.

Any violations including complaints are promptly recorded and duly dealt with after the committee's return to Kuwait, Al Fares said.

Penalties vary according to the seriousness of the offence and include confiscating the insurance fee or a part of the amount paid by the caravan owner, or prohibiting him from conducting business for a minimum period of three years, or in extreme cases the licence is permanently withdrawn, he said.

**Enlighten**

Al Fares pointed out that the ministry tries to enlighten pilgrims about rules by issuing bulletins in Arabic and English, showing radio and television programmes about the rites and sending one Imam to accompany each caravan.

The ministry issued 72 citizens caravan licences this year, and 56 of these licences were used this year to carry 17,000 pilgrims, he said.



HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Abdullah with the summer club members.

## Summer club members meet the Amir and Premier

HH the Amir yesterday received a student delegation from the summer clubs and swimming pools of the Education Ministry, the students thanked the Amir on behalf of all students enrolled in those activities for his constant care and encouragement.

The meeting was attended by Information Minister and Acting Education Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hamad.

**Praised**

HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Abdullah also received Al Hamad and the students yesterday at the Council of Ministers.

The Crown Prince praised the youths' readiness to serve Kuwait in various spheres.

"You have probably heard earlier today from HH the Amir of the government's concern with youths," the Crown Prince said. "The government believes that the young generation will grow up to be fathers and mothers of the future and will continue to preserve the security and stability of our dear nation, the Crown Prince said."

**Encouragement**

The government will continue backing youths, Sheikh Saad said. He asked the students to convey his greetings to their colleagues.

A student then recited a folkloric poem hailing the state's encouragement, topped by HH

the Amir and HH the Crown Prince, to youths in different spheres.

HH asked the students to make suggestions about summer activities. Sheikh Saad showed interest in their proposals.

Meanwhile, the head of intermediate education at Farwaniya Yahya Abdul Aziz Al Fodair called on members of summer clubs to direct their interest towards scientific activities provided by these clubs.

Al Fodair, who was interviewed by members of the press at Omariya Summer Club, said that summer clubs are considered important social activities designed to sharpen students' personalities and interests.

## Thatcher visits British warships in Gulf

### UK fleet to stay as long as necessary

ABOARD HMS MANCHESTER IN THE GULF, Aug 9, (Reuters): British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher flew into the Gulf today to pay a surprise visit to British warships the day after a ceasefire date was announced in the Iran-Iraq war.

Thatcher broke her journey home from a trip to Australia and the Far East to spend two hours aboard the destroyer HMS Manchester in a move kept secret until the last minute for security reasons.

**Delight**

On arrival at the ship, command vessel of the Armilla Patrol Task Force escorting British merchant ships plying the troubled waterway, Thatcher expressed delight that her visit came just the day after US Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar set Aug 20 for a ceasefire.

"I welcome the decisions of the Iranian and Iraqi governments to accept a ceasefire to be followed by direct talks," she said. "I hope this will lead to an early end

to this terrible conflict which has cost so many lives."

A statement released as she toured the type 42 destroyer said: "A ceasefire to itself is not enough. What is needed ... is a comprehensive and lasting settlement which will restore peace and stability to the region."

Thatcher's statement added: "I have decided to break my journey here in order to visit the Armilla patrol and express support for our friends in the Arabian peninsula and the Gulf region."

**Facilities**

Shore facilities for the British ships have been provided by Dubai and Bahrain.

"The Armilla patrol has been doing a vital job protecting British merchant shipping and helping uphold the principle of freedom of navigation."

"Our commitment will remain as long as a threat to merchant shipping continues."

Britain's blished the Armilla patrol in 1980 at the start of the

Gulf conflict to protect British ships from attack in the southern Gulf between Bahrain and the Strait of Hormuz.

As well as HMS Manchester, at present lying off Dubai, it consists of the frigates Loodoo and Charybdis and the support tanker Tide Spring.

Britain also has three Hunt-class minesweepers operating with one Dutch and one Belgian ship clearing mines in the same area for the past year.

Thatcher was flown 10 minutes by helicopter from Dubai, where her Royal Air Force VC-10 landed and where she was met by UAE Defence Minister Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, son of the ruler of Dubai.

**Flown**

Thatcher, accompanied by busband Denis, was flown in to the 3,500-ton destroyer's rear deck helipad in a Lynx helicopter escorted by a larger Sea King, touching down as the ship made speed at five knots to calm

waters.

As she landed in blazing sun and a temperature tipping 40 degrees Centigrade (100 Fahrenheit), Thatcher — known to dislike heat — savoured the slight breeze and said: "It's a little cooler here."

Aboard the destroyer, Thatcher met about 70 of the ship's crew. Britain's senior naval officer Middle East, Commander Pat McLarnn, and the captain of the Manchester, the two frigates and the five minesweepers.

Thatcher addressed that crew over the ship's tannoy, beginning "Prime Minister speaking," to thank them for the work of they were doing.

**On guard**

She said it would continue as long as needed and told reporters that everyone had to remain on guard until peace was firmly established.

"The Armilla patrol will stay here until we are certain there is no further threat," she added.

## Interior Ministry keen to ensure security

COLONEL Ahmed Al Rujaiib, director of public relations at Kuwait's Ministry of Interior said that a special department has been entrusted with coordinating and handling all aspects related to juveniles.

In an interview with a local daily, Al Rujaiib stressed that the ministry is keen to provide security and safety to all citizens and expatriates in Kuwait.

He called on welfare and educational institutions, and citizens and residents to co-operate with the police in achieving these goals.

## Trying to attain self-sufficiency in fish

THE Kuwaiti Fishermen's Union is striving to save marine wealth and achieve self-sufficiency by developing the fishing industry. Fish is considered Kuwait's main dish.

Sayah, Abu Shaiba, the Kuwaiti Fishermen's Union honorary president in an interview with a local daily said that the union was formed on April 26, 1988 to defend the rights of members and achieve solidarity.

**Improve**

The union helps members apply modern fishing methods to improve their yields and represents the interests of fishermen within and outside Kuwait, he said.

Fishermen are providing a national service which offers important food resources, he said.

## Libyan foreign minister arrives

LIBYAN Foreign Minister Jadhalla Azouzi Al Tahi arrived in Kuwait last night on an official visit. He was met at the airport by Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Sabah and senior officials at the Foreign Ministry.

In an arrival statement, the Libyan official expressed pleasure for being in Kuwait.

Al Tahi said he is carrying a message from Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi to HH the Amir.

He said Libya is gleeful about the ceasefire agreement between Iran and Iraq and their common search for a peaceful settlement of "their differences as we (in Libya) had often said."

The Libyan envoy said Libya believes that continuation of the destructive war between Iran and Iraq is beneficial to the enemies of Arabs and Muslims and damaging to their resources.

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## ROYAL COURT

### Amiri audiences

HH the Amir yesterday received HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah and Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Sabah.

### Amiri cable

HH the Amir yesterday sent a cable of congratulations to the President of Singapore on the occasion of his country's National Day.

### Crown Prince cable

HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah yesterday sent a congratulatory message to Prime Minister of Singapore Lee Kuan Yew on his country's National Day.

## KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

### Bowing to Palestinian will

A KUWAITI daily has underlined that the recent Jordanian measures severing ties between the East and West Banks come in response to Arab unanimity and in accordance with the Palestinian people's desire.

The daily Al Rai Al Aam yesterday, editorially said: "King Hussein of Jordan's statements were necessary to clarify the meaning of the recent Jordanian steps."

King Hussein also asserted that the economic and humanitarian relations between the two banks will remain as they are, through the opened bridges, the paper pointed out. It noted that King Hussein also affirmed that Palestinians holding Jordanian passports will continue to have this privilege until the establishment of a Palestinian state.

Indicating that some have ignored the series of Jordanian "scoffs" towards the Palestinian cause, (the daily) said there are still great contradictions within the Arab ranks in regard to the idea of the Palestinian government in exile: "To be or not to be ... and when?"

"The Palestinian option has to be in the forefront, as a factor of balance to face the American and Israeli options," it said.

## Sheikh Sabah to visit Moscow

MOSCOW, Aug 9, (KUNA): Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed will arrive here tomorrow representing the Arab League seven-man committee formed to follow the developments of the Iraq-Iran war, it was officially announced today.

Acting official spokesman of the Soviet Foreign Ministry Vadim Pervelev told a news conference today, Moscow is always ready to talk to the committee on the developments of "the war which he said is entering a new era."

The Speaker of the Iraqi Parliament, Saadoun Hammadi, will accompany Sheikh Sabah.

**Arafat leaves**

PALESTINE Liberation Organisation chairman Yasser Arafat yesterday left Kuwait after a one-day visit.

Arafat on Sunday conferred with HH the Amir of Kuwait and HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah.

The PLO leader was seen by Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Minister Khalid Al Jassar and a number of Protocol Department officials at the Foreign Ministry.

## Study on egg production

THE department of agricultural production at Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) is conducting a study on the effect of the weather on egg production during this period of the year, a local daily quoted an official at KISR as saying.

Araf Al Naser, researcher at the Agricultural Production Department, said the project should bring fruitful results which will benefit local poultry companies.

She added that the project includes six experiments to be conducted at different seasons of the year to determine the ideal period for laying eggs. A study on varied food intake of hens also planned, she said.

## Power failure

A LARGE area in Murgab was left in the dark last night after a power failure which affected hotels, homes and shops near the Safat post office.

The outage, which began at about 6.30 pm, still left the area without electricity as of 9 pm.

Shopkeepers continued doing business by candlelight as hotel employees struggled to keep food fresh without electricity.

## Monitoring Gulf ceasefire

### UN force will face many hazards

NICOSIA, Aug 9, (Reuters): A thin line of blue berets charged with monitoring a truce in the Gulf war will face inhospitable mountain, desert and marsh and two opposing armies sworn to destroy each other.

"It will be a very tough assignment, with innumerable military and political hazards," said a veteran soldier serving with UN forces in the Middle East.

**Bloodiest**

UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar has announced a ceasefire to take effect on Aug 20, ending almost eight years of war between Iran and Iraq.

The conflict has seen some of the bloodiest fighting since World War Two and cost an estimated one million lives.

Perez de Cuellar has asked the Security Council to send a UN observer force, initially numbering about 350, to the warfront to monitor the truce.

Strung out along the 740-mile (1,200-km) front, this would mean no more than one of the blue beret UN peacekeepers every two miles (three km).

The peacekeepers, labelled the UN Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group (UNIIMOG), would be unarmed in confronting two belligerents whose enemy is unlikely to evaporate overnight.

Their job will be to report ceasefire violations and, where possible, to contain violence by diplomacy rather than gunfire.

"Success or failure — indeed, the survival of UN troops — will depend on the attitude of the

protagonists and the strength of Security Council resolve," said the soldier.

Observers say the history of UN peacekeeping operations in the region shows the world body faces a predicament over the size of any neutral peace force.

If it is large — say 10,000 men — it can be seen by one side or another as an occupation army, and become the target for deliberate attack.

But if it is a symbolic presence — and that appears to be Perez de Cuellar's recommendation — it may not be taken seriously by rival forces in the frontline and could be brushed aside in renewed hostilities.

Another hazard is the presence of irregular forces — Kurdish fighters, Iranian dissidents supported by Baghdad as well as Iranian-backed Iraqi fundamentalists opposed to the rule of President Saddam Hussein.

Any one of these maverick groups could upset the peacekeeping apparatus.

**Terrain**

Then there is the terrain and the weather, which could combine to hamper efforts by mobile UN troops to reach a particular flashpoint.

In winter, access to the mountainous north is clogged with ice and snow. In summer, the southern sector is a humid oven.

The record of UN peacekeeping is bloody and strewn with setbacks, particularly in the caution of Arab-Israeli conflict.

In 1948, the Security Council

declared the old city in Jerusalem a demilitarised zone, but with the withdrawal of the British from the area, Arab forces and Jewish settlers fought over it. UN mediator Count Foke Bernadotte was assassinated by gunmen, widely believed to be Jewish extremists.

In 1956, Canada proposed a buffer force to separate Israel and Egypt in the wake of the Suez crisis, and the Security Council sent a UN emergency force in to control Gaza and Sharm El Sheikh on the southern tip of Sinai.

As war approached in 1967,

Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser called for the withdrawal of some UN positions, and the entire force that had kept Israel and its most populous Arab foe at arm's length was pulled out.

In 1978, a UN force was dispatched to South Lebanon to supervise the restoration of Lebanese authority up to its frontier with Israel.

But the chaos of Lebanon's deepening civil war and the 1982 Israeli invasion made the mission of the 5,700-strong UN Truce Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) all but impossible.



A motorcycle skidded after hitting road markers and burst into flames. The mishap occurred on the Fourth Ring Road near Khaldiya fly-over. The driver was injured.

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## VIDEO CORNER

By Shaun Seekins

BASED on John Nichols' 1973 novel, *The Milagro Beanfield War* is a poignant, funny story which illuminates the culture of the people of New Mexico, but although the Chicano background and history is an important window-dressing, it does not outweigh the basic theme.

It is not racial exploitation, but water that is the most important issue in Milagro. To the Chicano townspeople the land is dry and barren: to the area's richest Anglo citizen, it is merely underdeveloped. The only obvious racial element in the film comes from the governor's office, where politicians plot the inevitable migration of "those people" away from Milagro when a proposed recreational area is built.

The film opens with a visually beautiful sequence which creates a slightly mystical setting for the tale about to unfold. Thereafter, however, Robert Redford's second directorial effort approaches that

## Plotting politicians

plateau several times, but never quite achieves it again, settling for charm instead. At its best, *The Milagro Beanfield War* is the portrait of a people who live in any small town that is gradually dying.

Redford resists the trap of over-enchaining his Latino characters and instead sympathetically portrays all sides of a complex and very real dilemma. To be sure, the gorgeous photography of Robbie Greenberg and the music of Dave Grusin lend the film a slightly ethereal quality. But the balanced performances of one of the finest group of character actors assembled in recent years keep the film going.

In the end the film may not do too well at a youth and action dominated box-office, and may have to settle for winning awards and eventually

evolving into a "classic."

Above *The Law* is a new "corruption in high places" thriller, starring Steven Seagal and Pam Grier as a police team out to make the world a better place. They stumble on a group of illegal immigrants biding out in the crypt of a church and discover that one of the Latino priests knows far too much for his own safety about the involvement of some highly placed CIA officials in drug-running from Central America. Can they save him before the ruthless criminals manage to destroy both him and the evidence? Non-stop action and plenty of excitement should make this one move very quickly.

*The Second Victory* is a very good war thriller, based on a book by Morris West. The setting is wonderfully atmos-

pheric — Austria in the winter at the end of World War Two, where allied troops are the occupying force until the citizens can get back to governing themselves. Major Mark Hanlon (Anthony Andrews) is on the way to a small Austrian town under his command — Quellenberg — when his sergeant is killed by a lone sniper wearing Austrian Army uniform. Hanlon is convinced that the killer is a local man and is determined to catch him. He is intent on meting out justice with mercy but the odds are against him.

As well as trying to track down the killer, Hanlon is also investigating the actions of another Quellenberg resident; a middle-aged man who was an allied agent during the war, but is now suspected of stealing from the victims of the Nazi

oppression. To complicate matters still further Hanlon falls in love. All in all a good thriller with several twists and turns in the plot.

Staying Together is a tear jerker drama about a young family who fight to remain together when both their parents die. Cherry 2000 should appeal to sci-fi fans and teenagers. Set in the future, it tells of a young man's desperate search to repair his beautiful android girlfriend after she has short-circuited due to the kitchen sink overflowing at an inopportune moment. The new soap-opera capitol continues, recounting the scandals behind the closed doors of Washington, also Eastenders. For children Jayce and the Wheelers Warriors and The Buffers are available. For sports fans, the Mexican-Canadian Detroit Grand Prix has just been released.

The above films are by courtesy of VFI Films/Karwanlye; Video Namf, Salbyia; and Video Club, Salbyia. Tel: 5724372



Robert Redford: the Milagro Beanfield War is his second directorial attempt



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0800 Easy Listening  
0830 News  
0840 Easy Listening  
0900 Songs and Music  
1300 Easy Listening  
1330 News  
1400 Classical Music  
1600 Easy Listening  
1700 French Hour  
1800 Pops  
1900 Be Our Guest  
2130 News  
2145 Pops  
2200 Famous Classical Works  
2300 Easy Listening  
2400 Instrumental Music  
0200 Closedown

## BBC World Services

0000 World News  
09 News about Britain  
15 Radio Newsweek  
30 Omnibus

## RADIO PROGRAMMES

0100 News Summary followed by Outlook  
30 Report on Religion  
45 Country Style  
0200 World News  
09 British Press Review  
15 A-Z of Hollywood  
30 Citizens  
0300 World News  
09 News about Britain  
15 The World Today  
30 The Pop Science Programme  
0400 Newsweek  
30 Country Stories  
45 Reflections  
0500 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 Report on Religion  
45 The World Today  
0600 Newsweek  
30 Meridian  
0700 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary

Summary  
30 Development '88  
0800 World News  
09 Reflections  
15 Classical Record Review  
30 Britain's Britain 1988 (ex 31st)  
0900 World News  
09 British Press Review  
15 The World Today  
30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup  
45 Folk in Britain (ex 10th and 24th Jazz Scene UK)  
1000 News Summary followed by Omnibus  
30 Trivia Test Match  
1100 World News  
09 News about Britain  
15 Country Stories  
30 Meridian  
1200 Newsweek  
15 Time for Verse  
25 The Farming World  
45 Sports Roundup  
1300 World News

09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 Development '88  
1400 Classical, opening with 5-Minute News  
45 Report on Religion  
1500 Radio Newsweek  
15 Three Wishes  
30 Radio Active  
1600 World News  
09 News about Britain  
15 Hitting the High Notes  
45 The World Today  
1700 World News  
09 Commentary  
15 Society Today  
30 New Ideas  
40 Book Choice  
45 Sports Roundup  
1800 Newsweek  
30 Multitrack 2  
1900 Outlook, opening with News Summary  
30 Stock Market Report  
45 Good Books

2000 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 Churchill the Historian  
2100 News Summary followed by Network UK  
15 Hitting the High Notes  
45 Recording of the Week  
2200 World News  
09 The World Today  
25 Presentation Programme  
30 Financial News  
45 Reflections  
45 Sports Roundup

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1910 Bhadrachal Qaul  
1916 Programme Preview  
1920 Songs  
1930 News Report  
1940 Sabha-Nas  
2000 News  
2020 Songs  
2040 Hidayat-e-Rabbani  
2100 Closedown

## WHAT'S ON

## ARTS

**Islamic Arts Museum**  
The museum, located on Arab Gulf Street, is open from 8.30 am to 12.30 noon and 4.30 to 7.30 pm, Saturday to Thursday. A collection of the finest Islamic art objects are on show.

**Tareq Rajab Museum**  
The museum in Jahriya houses a collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world. Summer timings are 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, Sat thru Thurs. On Friday the museum is open only in the mornings.

**Kuwait Science Museum**  
The museum will be open to the public every evening from 5 pm and from 9 am on Friday.

## SOCIAL

**D'Assisi Association**  
The association will hold a social evening-cum-variety show on August 11 at Messiliah Beach Hotel. The event is part of the 40th anniversary of Indian independence. Top Ranks and Next of Kin will be in attendance. For details contact Leena — 2469811, 9.30 am to 5 pm; Henry 3291909 (am) 3717346 (pm) or August on 5746734 after 6 pm.

**Indian Arts Circle**  
The Indian Arts Circle will stage a programme at 7.30 pm, Aug 18, to mark the end of a year's celebration of the 40th anniversary of India's independence. All Indians are cordially invited.

**Indian Independence Day**  
On the occasion of the Independence Day of India, August 15, there will be a flag hoisting ceremony at 8.30 am at Embassy premises, 34 Istiqlal St.

**Malayalam debate**  
A series of debates on Malayalam cinema are being held this month. The topics are: A discussion on the important creations of Malayalam cinema (Aug 12); the different stages of cinema production and its influence on entertainment (Aug 19).

The discussions will be carried out mainly in Malayalam. For information on time and venue, please contact Karun, 4814477.

**Onam Festival**  
The Viswabarathi Theatres, Abbasiya, will celebrate Onam on Aug 25 at the Indian Arts Circle. IAC President M. Mathews will be the chief patron. The programme comprises Onam songs, Mohiniyattam, classical dances, light music, one-act play, boat race and Kerala rural arts. Those interested in taking part contact Lazar Varghese — 4314511; Thomas Perumilly — 4810490 ext. 207; Verghese Paradiyil — 2422973.

**Varca Sporting Centre**  
Varca Sporting Centre will organise an evening of games and entertainment at the Tent SAS on September 22, 1988. Music will be provided by Top Ranks and Next of Kin. Further details later.

**Summer Belle 88**  
The United Goans Centre will hold their annual Summer Belle 88 contest on August 11 at the SAS Hotel's Tent. The gala event marks the 10th anniversary of UGC. Entertainment includes music by Stepping Stones and City Limits. For further details contact Tony Gonçalves — 2612024 or Joe Fernandes 5655140.

**Bangladesh variety show**  
Bangladeshi children will present a variety performance in mid-September. The date and venue will be announced later. Those interested in taking part, please contact Jayati or Farzana.

## HOTELS

**At the Ramada**  
El Bender Coffee Shop offers continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to 12 midnight; a la carte also available. Special shrimp promotion on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, featuring a wide variety of shrimp preparations.

The take-away counter, open daily from 4 pm to 11 pm, offers a selection of Arabic sandwiches and snacks, plus fish and chips.

**At the Regency**  
Regency Palace is offering a special Hija New Year holiday weekend package for Kuwaitis and residents of Kuwait (family), featuring a welcome drink, full breakfast buffet, local daily newspaper, late checkout (6 pm), and the use of extensive health and fitness facilities.

**At the Holiday Inn**  
Al Ahmadi Coffee Shop offers international buffet meals at lunch and dinner from 6 am to 1 am; a la carte also available. Fresh pastries and cakes can be bought every day at Viennese Cafe. The Hanging Babylon Gardens are ideal for a period of quiet relaxation.

On Wednesday, join the Shahrzad barbecue at the poolside; there will be games, prizes and surprises. On Thursday, enjoy music and food at the Arabian Night at the Al Andalus Supper club. Al Dana offers a special treat for children at the Friday brunch, open from 11 am to 3 pm.

Recreation facilities include squash and tennis courts, male female gymnasiums with saunas, solaria, whirlpools, and massage and relaxation rooms.

**At the Hilton**  
La Palma has introduced a new 12-day buffet cycle featuring Arab specialties; open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner, from 6.30 am to midnight.

At the Falaka restaurant, select from a wide variety of dishes to make your own table top buffet. The Magnific Band provides live music in the evenings. Open every day 12.30 pm and 7.30-11.30 pm.

Ice-cream, cold drinks and this week's special coconut pie — are available at La Patisserie. Open daily 10.30 am - 10.45 pm.

**At the Sheraton**  
Enjoy Italian cuisine and live entertainment by the Sierra's Duo at the Riccardo restaurant. Riccardo is closed on Friday.

At the Hamra features authentic Lebanese cuisine every Sunday and seafood specialties on Wednesday nights; a sumptuous brunch buffet is offered on Fridays. Live entertainment is provided by the Lords.

The Hunt Room offers a variety of meat and fish preparations at lunch and dinner.

Arab world specialties are available every Thursday evening at Le Tarbouche. A buffet lunch and dinner is offered on Fridays.

The Coffee Shop features a wide range of international cuisine and a daily special.

**At the Continental**  
The Darbar offers a daily lunch buffet with a wide range of Indian kebabs and curries. A la carte for dinner.

**At the Kuwait Plaza Hotel**  
The Al Dallah coffee shop offers buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as a set menu mini business lunch. Light snacks and ice-cream are available at the International Food Arcade; open 10.00 am to 11.00 pm.

Enjoy Turkish cuisine, a la carte, at the Bosphorus restaurant. Open for lunch and dinner every day except Satur-

day. The Marco Polo restaurant offers Italian food, live music and a candlelight atmosphere.

There is a Filipino Night every Sunday 7.00 pm to 9.30 pm. Live entertainment provided.

**At the Meridien**  
La Brasserie offers Friday brunch from 12 noon to 4 pm; also open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Beat the summer heat with cool juices offered in the lobby lounge; musical entertainment is provided in the evenings.

## SPORTS

**IVth Winners Cup cricket tournament**  
The YMCA will hold the All Kuwait Open IVth Winners Cup cricket tournament, beginning Sept 16. It will be played on Fridays and holidays at the Ahmad Al Ghanem Ground located behind the Computer Centre. Teams wishing to participate can contact Joe D'Sa, Tel: 3981790, 3-5 pm; 3924659, 5-8 pm. The draw will be held on Friday, Aug 26, at 9 am at the Kuwait Larkia Restaurant, Fahad.

**Kuwait Nomads Rugby Club**  
Work parties will be held at the grounds on Thursday at 3 pm and Friday at 9 am. Very important that all members attend.

**Boy's Own Club**  
Boy's Own Club will organise a seven-a-side one-day football festival on the holiday declared to mark the Prophet's birthday (October 22/23). Interested teams can contact Milagres 3967446 or Joe D'Souza 4813622.

\* All entries for the What's On column can be sent by telex (22332) to Events Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursday, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Sharwaik. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

## KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran  
9.15 Good-morning  
9.30 Cartoons  
10.15 Dawa Lil Hub; starring Mirvat Amin, Mustafa Fahmi, Iman Al Tuki  
11.15 Ala Dunya Al Salam: Arabic serial, starring Suad Abdullah, Hayat Al Fahed  
12.15 Cultural film  
1.50 Variety Show  
2.30 Al Ajneha: new Arabic daily serial, starring Fadiya Hattab, Saleh Al Hayek, Salma Al Masi  
3.30 Hidi: cartoons  
4.15 Foreign feature film  
6.00 Bunduk and bunduka: serial for children, starring Abdur Rahman Abu Zahra and Niza  
7.00 Traffic seminar  
7.45 Open University

8.30 Waqalat Al Arab  
9.00 News in Arabic  
9.45 Al Hussan: Arabic daily serial starring Samiha Ayoub and Saad Ardash  
10.45 Hekayat Minal Badya (Tales from the Desert): starring Miad Awad, Ashraf Abazah, AS Al Samir and Suhair Fahd  
11.45 News summary  
11.50 World today via satellite/Holy Quran/Closedown

## KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 Inspector Gadget  
6.30 The Kids of Degrassi Street: Ryan is convinced his schoolmates dislike him and sets out to prove he's an okay kid.  
7.00 Managing the Micro: "Thinking Small"

7.30 Growing Pains: "The Scarlet Letter"  
8.00 News in English  
8.30 O'Hara: O'Hara and his assistant Sheaver borrow money from a wealthy woman to use as bait for a drugs gang.  
9.30 Wildlife on One: the great limestone caverns of Borneo are inhabited by some very strange birds.  
10.00 Sledge: Hammer: "Sledge in Toyland" a toy factory owner and his girlfriend are shot dead and Sledge is put on the case.  
10.30 LA Law  
11.30 News summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

## Not just another piece of schnitzel

By Tom Burke

WHENEVER his movies open, Arnold Schwarzenegger closely watches the audience surveys. "When *The Running Man* came out last year, Arnold asserts in a voice from which heavy portions of his Austrian accent have been pruned, "the executive producer, Keith Barish, tells me that this picture elicited by far the most female enthusiasm of all my pictures. I ask him how they answer the question 'What do you like about Arnold?' And he tells me that many women said, 'He has a cute behind.' I said, 'Thanks, that's very helpful. I now know in which direction to take my next movie...'

Of course he was being ironic; humour prevails in all his deadpan readings, offscreen and on, but as an actor, Arnold would now like to be taken seriously. In *Red Heat*, his current thriller, he's more polished than he's been, and in his USSR officer's uniform, he's much less the muscleman, more adult somehow.

Arnold started lifting weights when he was fifteen. "Other guys had pinup girls on their walls, I had musclemen flexing." After a year as an Austrian Army tank driver, he ran a gym in Munich, lifted weights five hours a day every day for two years to build the body with which he'd be named Mr Universe five times. Mr Olympia seven times, Mr World once. From the start, he treated bodybuilding as a business: to run with his uncanny flair for self-marketing and self-promotion.

"America was the dream," Arnold will murmur nostalgically, "and the discipline of



Arnold Schwarzenegger, star of several action movies, would now like to be taken seriously.

weight training had given me tremendous confidence. In the USA, I could do anything!" He arrived in 1968, headed west. Nights he studied economics at University of California in Los Angeles (UCLA). Days he and Franco Columbu ran a brick-laying company they named Pumping Bricks, and Arnold began promoting his own body-building events, wrote magazine articles on the subject, eventually setting up a mail-order house to sell booklets with titles such as "How Arnold builds His Chest Like a Fortress," as well as Arnold T-shirts, photos, body-building records, videos and seminars.

Of course, Arnold-as-muscle-magnate-and-land-baron wasn't enough for him: even as a kid, he'd had his eye on the silver screen. He got a Golden Globe award as 1976's best newcomer for his role as a Mr Olympia hopeful in *Stay Hungry*, in which he starred with Jeff Bridges and Sally Field. Though critics lambasted him

in his next movie, *Conan the Barbarian*, this 1981 film grossed over a hundred million, and its 1984 sequel, *Conan the Destroyer*, did nearly as well. That same year, *The Terminator* established Arnold as a bona-fide actor. His poker-faced way with ironic one-liners was put to good use in *Commando* and *Raw Deal* and in last year's *Predator* and *The Running Man*, and all were box office bonanzas. *The Running Man* is currently showing in Kuwait.

Arnold earns ten million dollars a movie and, with points, could easily make another few million. Business journals reporting his success state that from acting and his other ventures, he'll gross almost twenty million this year. Arnold grins when you mention the numbers. He'll make even more when he starts producing his own pictures, his next movie. For now, he's acting in a film in which he and Danny DeVito play twins — "because it's different and fun."

## CINEMA TODAY

**Al Andalus**  
*The Running Man*  
Starring: Arnold Schwarzenegger  
**Al Sahiya**  
*Reserved for Al Jazira Theatre*

**Al Hamra**  
*White Apache*  
**Drive-in**  
*Al Fohous Wa Al Woboush*  
Starring: Mohammed Suhbi and Madhi Kamei  
**Al Firdous**  
*Zalzala (Hindi)*  
Starring: Dharmendra, Kimi

Katkar, Satrugan Sinha, Anita Raj  
**Fahad Open Air**  
*Shermi (Hindi)*  
Starring: Sridevi  
**Al Fahad**  
*La Min Shaf Wala Min Deri*  
**Le Divorcement**  
*Granada*  
**Asdeka Al Shaitan**  
*Salsabikhat*  
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**Al Jleeb**  
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## EDITORIALS

## ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

BEWARE the fury of a patient man — John Dryden, English poet (1631-1700)

## Ceasefire only the beginning

By Victoria Graham

UNITED NATIONS, (AP): After a thousand years of Arab-Persian hostility and eight years of bloodshed between Iran and Iraq, peace has been a precious but chimeric commodity.

But after a year-long UN peace effort and two weeks of delicate, sometimes deadlocked negotiations to end the Iran-Iraq war, a ceasefire is at hand.

On Monday, UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar announced that the guns would fall silent on Aug 20 and that both sides would hold face-to-face peace talks in Geneva under UN auspices five days later.

"I am persuaded that both nations deeply wanted peace and are committed to it," he said. And that opened the way.

It also opens the way for improved relations between the United States and Iran, a reduced US naval presence in the Gulf and a better atmosphere in which to seek release of Western hostages held by Iranian fundamentalists in Lebanon.

**Victory**

The ceasefire announcement was the second major victory in achieving an accord for Perez de Cuellar since April, when Pakistan and Afghanistan signed a UN-mediated political agreement providing for withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan.

But unlike the Afghan accords, UN Resolution 598 — the peace plan for the Gulf war — was a comprehensive formula for peace between combatants.

Numerous similar resolutions on raging conflicts in the Middle East and southern Africa have gone unheeded. But Resolution 598 appears to be on its way to becoming a reality.

As in the case of Afghanistan, the time was ripe for a UN effort. Both Gulf war foes were drawn to the negotiating table by economic and political compulsions, and by their weariness of war, not their dedication to peace.

The proclamation also signifies a revival of the financially ailing United Nations, after years of lying fallow and ineffective, and a revival of apparent appreciation by the United States and other nations for the world body.

## Solutions

The United Nations is expected to play a peace-keeping role in southern Africa. It also has been seeking solutions to long-standing conflicts in Western Sahara and Cyprus and would play a peace-keeping role in Kampuchea.

Despite the ceasefire announcement, however, the peace plan still has a long, problematic road ahead of it.

## Perez de Cuellar

## A tireless worker for peace

UNITED NATIONS, (Reuters): Javier Perez de Cuellar, who on Monday announced an Aug 20 ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war, has won respect as a tireless worker for peace since his appointment as UN secretary-general in January 1982.

Many diplomats feel that Perez de Cuellar, for all his work in seeking to end violence in Afghanistan, the Gulf, Angola and elsewhere around the globe, is a prime candidate for the Nobel Peace Prize.

Perez de Cuellar was given little time to adjust to his post. Within four months of taking over as secretary-general he was intervening in the conflict between Argentina and Britain over the Falkland Islands but was unable to avert the bloodshed.

In January 1985 he brought the leaders of the Greek and Turkish factions on divided Cyprus together for the first time in six years after 1974 Turkish invasion of the Mediterranean island but the talks collapsed.

**Mission**

In September 1987 he undertook a four-day mission, his second in just over two years, to the Gulf to try and halt the war between Iran and Iraq. It bore little fruit.

But Perez de Cuellar was undaunted, working tirelessly at his taskless task and even overcoming a quadruple heart bypass operation to be elected in

The two shattered nations have nothing to show for the conflict that has claimed up to one million lives in the most gruesome conflict since World War II. The battle lines today are much as they were in September 1980 when the conflict started.

If anything, the bitterness is greater, and Iraq's massive and frequent use of internationally outlawed poison gas has increased the enmity.

Both sides now claim political victory and say the other side gave way.

The ceasefire announcement culminated UN peace efforts that began a year ago on July 20, 1987, when the Security Council adopted Resolution 598, demanding an immediate ceasefire and setting out a peace plan.

**Negotiate**

For a full year, Perez de Cuellar negotiated with both sides.

Iraq, which was losing the war, immediately accepted Resolution 598 last year and demanded strict sequential implementation, ceasefire first. The plan also calls for a troop withdrawal, prisoner exchange, establishment of a tribunal to assess responsibility for the damage, formal peace talks and reconstruction.

But Iran, which was winning, held out and refused to endorse the Resolution, demanding that Iraq be branded the aggressor.

For a full year, Iran was branded the obstructer of peace for not embracing the Security Council peace plan.

On July 18, after suffering a series of battlefield setbacks, Iran abruptly said it embraced Resolution 598 in all aspects and urged an immediate ceasefire. Tehran dropped the precondition of branding Iraq the aggressor.

The secretary-general declared he would send a ceasefire mission to both countries and summoned the foreign ministers of both nations for final peace talks.

Perez de Cuellar devised a formula of a ceasefire to be followed rapidly by direct talks on a comprehensive peace. Iran agreed immediately.

To reassure Iraq, the five permanent members of the Security Council — the United States, Britain, China, France and the Soviet Union — delivered oral statements to both sides that they would insist on comprehensive implementation of the UN peace plan and would not accept only a truce.

On Saturday, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein announced he would go along with direct talks after a ceasefire. That cleared the way for the secretary-general's announcement.

1986 for a second term.

In April of this year, six years of diplomatic efforts to end the Afghan crisis culminated with Afghanistan and Pakistan signing UN-mediated agreements providing for the withdrawal of Soviet troops, creation of a neutral Afghan state and the voluntary repatriation of millions of Afghan refugees.

A 68-year-old Peruvian, his appointment as UN secretary-general capped a career that began 40 years earlier as a student-clerk at the Foreign Ministry in Lima and blossomed into international diplomacy.

He served his country as ambassador to Venezuela, the Soviet Union, Poland, Switzerland and the United Nations after holding lower-ranking diplomatic posts in France, Britain, Bolivia and Brazil.

**Member**

His first contact with the United Nations was as a member of the Peruvian delegation to the first session of the General Assembly in London in 1946. He went on to hold a number of senior posts with the world organisation.

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## Internal problems persist

By Paul Shin

SEOUL, South Korea, (AP): A Seoul newspaper recently reported that the daughter of President Roh Tae-Woo was forced to stop using the national equestrian team's facilities after official protests.

The appearance of such a report, and an ensuing presidential scolding of police for trying to determine who leaked the incident, illustrate the easing of restrictions on the South Korean press after years of tight controls.

Presidential aides said Roh was not aware of the "wrong police action" until he read press articles and quickly reprimanded police for trying to block the news. "I have never seen the president so mad," an aide was quoted as telling reporters.

**Restrictions**

The incident and the wide coverage it attracted was symbolic of how much the press situation has changed with South Korean reporters no longer facing stringent government controls.

But journalists say their struggle for press freedom has tended to take a new direction and they

## South Korean press gains freedom

still face many problems five months after Roh took office in February with a promise of full democracy and an end to authoritarian rule.

Instead of fighting official restrictions, reporters and editors now face internal disagreements over editorial freedom. Journalists' unions are taking a strong role in seeking greater power and control for their members.

A rush to create new newspapers has added to the industry's problems with rival publications competing for staff and driving up wages in a skyrocketing spiral.

Newspapers are filled with stories critical of the government and television newscasts, once notorious for being bland, are now quick to criticize official policies.

After years of rigid restrictions, the government came under public pressure and withdrew agents from newspapers and broadcasting stations. It also stopped issuing daily orders that regulated the types of stories and

the way they appeared in newspapers.

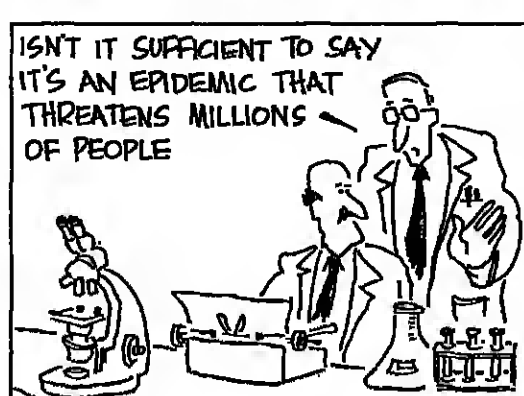
Various laws that inhibited press activity were revised, making it easier for new newspapers and radio stations to be set up. Changes in the press laws created a rush to open new newspapers.

## Successful

One newspaper, the Hankyoreh Shinmun, established by hundreds of reporters expelled in the 1970s for their anti-government views, made a successful start in May, increasing to 15 the number of daily newspapers in South Korea.

Fifteen more daily newspapers are preparing to start publication before the end of the year. The Roman Catholic church and Buddhist groups plan to set up radio stations this year.

Newspapers include the Sae Gae Times owned by Rev. Sunmyong Moon's Unification Church and the Kookmin Shinmun funded by Seoul's Full Gospel Church, which claims a congregation of 500,000 people.



By Malcolm Davidson

NAZIR BAGH REFUGEE CAMP, Pakistan, (Reuters): Mohammad Karim was an Afghan guerrilla fighter until four years ago when a rocket fired from an attacking Soviet plane shattered his right leg.

Today, he sits in Nazir Bagh refugee camp across the Afghan border in Pakistan operating the treadle of a sewing machine — making clothes from Soviet cloth smuggled from Afghanistan.

The irony of using Soviet materials is not lost on the 35-year-old former fighter. But he is lucky to have a job at all at the sprawling camp's rehabilitation project.

For many of the more than three million refugees who have trekked out of Afghanistan in the past nine years to escape the bombs and bullets of war, there is little but misery, disorientation and mental illness.

**Victims**

"Hardly any of them have escaped the mental effects," said Afghan psychiatrist Mohammad Azam Dadfar.

"All refugees manifest some form of anxiety or depression. It is a normal reaction to their conditions."

The women and children suffer the worst.

"The children are a lost generation. They are the real victims of this conflict," said Dadfar.

## Mental illness stalks Afghan refugee camps in Pakistan

Growing up without education, weakened by malnutrition and prey to illness they enter adulthood stunted both physically and intellectually.

At Nazir Bagh, a huge camp of largely windowless mudbrick houses near the Northwest Frontier city of Peshawar, more than half the 45,000 refugees are under 15 years old.

Camp administrator Shiraz Alam told Reuters during a recent visit that many were born there and knew no other life.

For the women, grief through loss of husband or sons in battle, the miserable conditions of camp life and the seclusion thrust upon them by strict Islamic customs combine to cause a rising tide of depression and illness.

In their old village life, the women would have been surrounded by friends and relatives from their own tribe.

But in the camps, Islamic taboos are strictly observed and many rarely venture much beyond the four walls of their tiny homes, where they do needlework, suffering badly in the stifling heat of a north Pakistani summer.

Even the mujahedeen, who flaunt their macho image as

tough guerrilla fighters, are not immune to the mental strains of their battle to sweep Soviet soldiers and Soviet ideology from Afghanistan.

According to Dadfar, they frequently suffer battle fatigue and shell shock that comes out as a constant anger, irrational aggression, nightmares and exhaustion.

On the edge of the camp closest to the mountains that hide the Afghan border just 30 km (20 miles) away lies the hural ground.

Tattered pieces of cloth on poles mark the graves of fighters "martyred" for the cause and are a constant reminder to survivors.

Dadfar, one other psychiatrist and a handful of helpers run the psychiatric centre for Afghans in Peshawar, which is home to many refugees, and guerrilla leaders.

They can deal with only a fraction of the worst cases among the 3.3 million refugees spread across 332 official camps in Pakistan, most of them close to the Afghan border.

Even so they have seen more than 10,000 cases in the first six months of 1988, almost as many

By Paul Wedel

HO CHI MINH CITY, Vietnam, (UPI): The south lost Vietnam's civil war, but already it is rising again on a state of new economic reforms overturning Marxist dogma.

Shortly after the fall of the US-backed regime in Saigon in 1975, southern Vietnam was the victim of enforced socialism, crackdowns on capitalists and transfers of population to "new economic zones."

Now the south — and particularly Saigon, renamed Ho Chi Minh City — is providing the business expertise, the foreign connections and the food production needed to rescue northern Vietnam from economic collapse.

"Southerners have been quicker to take advantage of the new reforms," said Doan Nguyen, deputy director of Phong Phu Textile Mill in the suburbs of Ho Chi Minh City. "Many northerners are now coming here to learn from us."

Nguyen, a southerner who went north to join the communists when the country was divided

## Vietnam's south rises again

in 1954, ticked off reasons for the south's progress:

- Better infrastructure of roads, power plants and factories.
- More capable administrators.
- A less entrenched bureaucracy.

Those advantages meant little when northern party cadre and government administrators moved in to take over and put the south on the road to socialism.

"They searched this house five times and arrested me twice," said a Chinese maker of consumer goods who asked not to be identified. "Now I am producing again, but I still don't trust the communists."

The south has, in effect, converted its communist conquerors.

The biggest sign of that conversion came when Nguyen van Linh, veteran communist who spent most of his career in the south, took over the Communist Party leadership in December 1986 on a wave of anger at the economic failures of communist doctrine.

Linh, citing his experiences in the more free-wheeling south, launched a programme that called for increased political democracy and more economic freedom.

"We are trying to encourage the development of private enterprise," said Nguyen Vinh Nghiep, vice-chairman of the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City.

**Capital**

Unlike impoverished northerners, some southerners managed to squirrel away enough capital to take advantage of the new relaxation on private enterprise.

Ho Chi Minh City is full of small workshops and grimy factories producing everything from elegant black lacquerware to parts for the motorcycles that buzz through the street.

The 8 per cent unemployment rate contrasts with the 20 per cent unemployment of the rest of the country. Although many in the city live in desperate poverty, there is an aura of hope and energy missing in Hanoi.

Streets bustle with shoppers and vendors. Stores are full of imported goods unknown to the northern capital, along with local sharpeners outside ready to deal — and sometimes cheat — in foreign currency and goods.

Ho Chi Minh City claims the highest export volume of all Vietnam's provinces — 22 to 25 per cent of national exports. Nghiep said exports increased 20 per cent last year over 1986 and this year a

24 per cent increase is expected.

The south also is wooing foreign capital under a new, liberal foreign investment law. But Hanoi's delays in setting up regulations and uncertainties over the exchange rate of the fast-sinking dong, the Vietnamese currency, have deterred many investors.

Tran Thi Phi Phung, director general of Vinaspec Pharmaceuticals, a joint venture with the French company Rhone-Poulenc, complained a state committee still had control over domestic prices.

"They always want lower prices while we must have higher prices to pay for materials," she said. "We must see them every day and push, push, push."

One lead exponent of foreign investment is also the most obvious symbol of how far the ruling communists have gone in opening to the capitalist ideas of the defeated regime.

Nguyen Xuan Oanh, a Harvard graduate and briefly deputy prime minister of the Saigon regime, now heads his own economic research office and is an advisor to the prime minister and a member of the national assembly.

"The enterprising spirit of the south should be moved to the north," Oanh said.

**Confidence**

Oanh, who drives an aging gray Volkswagen, said the recent election of a new prime minister showed the new self-confidence of the south.

Some southern national assembly members pushed for an alternative to the northern candidate chosen by the Communist Party. The party candidate won, but Oanh said the fact that three candidates were allowed to compete was a sign of progress.

"This was the first time we had a contested election," he said. "That is a source of joy to us."

With the north increasingly unable to feed its fast-growing population, the more productive farms of the south have become crucial.

Truong Cong Tin, deputy director of the Technical Institute of Agronomy of South Vietnam, said southern farmers produce about 9 million tons of rice per year, compared with 4.5 to 5 million tons in the north and another 3 million tons from central regions.

This year, he said, the south would send about 1.5 million tons to feed northerners on the edge of starvation.

## Salvadoran leftists gearing up for election

By Douglas Grant Mine

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador, (AP): After years of exile and scorn for elections, leftist parties allied with Marxist-led guerrillas are gearing up to compete in next year's presidential ballot.

Elections here between 1982 and now have been part of a plan designed principally to counter action of the guerrilla army, part of a counterinsurgency project," said Hector Oqueli, secretary for Organization of the National Revolutionary Movement, or MNR.

"It could therefore be argued that we are now lending our support for that same project, and that we're contradicting ourselves," he said.

But, Oqueli said, more "political space has opened up" since the presidents of El Salvador and four other Central American countries signed a peace plan on Aug 7, 1987.

"We want to take maximum advantage of that political opening, even though we are certain that doing political work in those spaces is like swimming in a river full of crocodiles," he said in an interview in the party's San

Salvador headquarters.

The regional plan has not ended civil wars in El Salvador, Nicaragua and Guatemala. But it has contributed to broadening the range of political expression in the first two countries.

The MNR, as part of the Democratic Revolutionary Front, has been allied since 1981 with the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front. The Marti Front is an irregular campaign army waging an 8-year-old guerrilla war against the Salvadoran government, which receives more than \$1 million a day in US aid and is Washington's closest ally in Latin America.

Leaders of the political front who had left in the early '80s because of rampant rightist death squads began returning to El Salvador last November and continue arriving. Among them are Guillermo Ungo, Oqueli and Ruben Zamora, general secretary of the Popular Social Christian Movement, or MPSC.

Zamora's party is a left-leaning offshoot of the centrist Christian Democratic Party of President Jose Napoleon Duarte, who sat on military-civilian juntas in 1980-82 and has

governed since 1984.

The MNR, the MPSC and the Social Democratic Party have formed the democratic convergence. The MNR last month announced its participation, via the convergence, in the March presidential election. The electoral front plans to officially announce its participation in late August, but is already hard at work launching a campaign.

Zamora, in an interview with the Associated Press, said the convergence's activity "is generating a political alternative capable of attracting ample sectors of the population that have been left without alternative."

"We're also contributing little by little to overcoming people's fear, because of past repression, of participating in politics," he said.

The death squads, which were supported or tolerated by security forces during the early '80s, are blamed for murder of tens of thousands of the estimated 65,000 people who have died in the civil war. Zamora's brother Mario was killed by a death squad on the night of Feb 23, 1980. Ruben left the country shortly afterward.

He, like Ungo, wears a bullet-

proof vest in public. Oqueli used one during the first months he was back but has recently doffed it in a concession to the muggy summer tropical heat.

Though it never disappeared, death squad activity dropped off drastically in 1983. Even so, human rights organizations are concerned about an increase in politically motivated murders during the first six months of this year, compared to the same period in 1987.

The leftists do not harbour illusions of an electoral victory.

"We are not taking part strictly for the votes, rather we're mounting a historical project that transcends election day," said Oqueli.

The main plank in the leftist platform is advocacy of a negotiated end to the war. The government has rejected two dialogue proposals presented by the insurgents so far this year.

Duarte repeatedly and adamantly rules out sharing power with the rebels through negotiations. He insists they lay down their arms and rely solely on political participation.

The rebels say that would be tantamount to surrender.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1566 — Iconoclastic riots by fanatical Calvinists break out in the Netherlands.
- 1627 — French forces under Cardinal Richelieu begin siege of La Rochelle against Huguenots, which English are unable to relieve.
- 1664 — Truce of Vasvar ends war between Turkey and Holy Roman Empire, whereby rival armies are to withdraw from Transylvania.
- 1741 — Prussia's King Frederick II takes Breslau in Poland.
- 1787 — Turkey declares war on Russia, fearing designs on Georgia.
- 1792 — French monarchy is overthrown as mobs in Paris attack palace of King Louis XVI.
- 1842 — Lord Ashley's Mine Act prevents women and children under 10 years from working underground in Britain.
- 1866 — Bolivia and Chile sign treaty under which territory between Andes and Pacific Ocean is ceded to Chile.
- 1904 — Japan's Navy cripples Russian fleet off Port Arthur.
- 1913 — Peace ending Balkan war is signed in Bucharest.
- 1914 — France declares war on Austria-Hungary at start of World War I.
- 1919 — Anglo-White Russian forces defeat Soviet forces in north Dvina.
- 1945 — Japan offers to surrender in World War II if emperor will be permitted to keep his throne.
- 1962 — Soviet Union rejects proposed US inspection plan as part of any disarmament agreement.
- 1987 — Police disperse striking mine workers who halted rail and road travel as more than 100 strikes cripple South Korea's industries.

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By Kathy Cuddihy

FOR many of us, one of the nice things about living overseas is the annual pilgrimage home. Warm thoughts of distant family and friends comfort us during the year until, at last, it's time to escape our daily routine and return to the fold. We remember people and places as they were when we left and we have a pretty firm conviction that once we get home everything will be just right, just like it supposedly used to be, according to our rose-tinted recollections. Why, despite the fact that we continually prove ourselves wrong, do we persist in this belief?

The euphoria of being home begins to wear a little thin when forgotten family quirks rear their ugly heads. Like flowers blooming after a desert rain, a dormant memory revives and recalls just how much these idiosyncrasies used to irritate. A little buzzer in the head goes off when a cousin puts 3 heaping teaspoons of sugar in his tea, and then doesn't bother to stir it. Or when an uncle finishes every third sentence with "Don't you see what I mean?" It's even more unsettling when a few new affections emerge to titillate the nerves.

But if seeing family on home leave can become stressful, so can not seeing them. Who hasn't been made to suffer pangs of guilt for not visiting a relative? It never occurs to these hypersensitive individuals that there's a slight imbalance when your initial effort has involved travelling half way around the world to get home, but they can't bother to travel a few miles to see you.

Part of the reason for this seeming lack of consideration is the fact that so many people at

## Surviving home leave



home think that people like us are just on another one of our holidays. (Wouldn't that be nice!) No doubt it would solve a lot of problems if our bankers, brokers, lawyers, accountants, doctors, dentists and real estate agents were related to us! Then we could combine those usually inevitable business burdens with those always inevitable family duties. Instead, we are left with the task of trying to fit everything and everyone in to our limited leave time — a feat which requires the stamina to withstand 20-hour days on a regular basis. Our resulting drained, strained pallor often evokes such succinct comments as "Relax, you're supposed to be on holiday."

Friends are as potent an obligation as family, but

more entertaining. There's sound reasoning for keeping in touch with old friends, apart from the fact that you enjoy their company: it's like safeguarding an investment — you want them to remember you when you finally move back home. On this premise, some friends even rate 2 visits. Of course, it's best not to rock the boat by insinuating that they should come to see you. After all, getting a peek at their current lifestyle and interests can be useful in maintaining contact with "reality."

Shopping is a "holiday" activity which receives undue scrutiny. "My goodness, dearie, don't you like to have a good splurge! The way you spend money, it's no wonder you poor husband has to keep working over there. I know

you say some things are difficult to get but really, can any place be that isolated nowadays?" Try living where we live, "dearie," and see how well you survive with a narrow mind... and no stock of supplies.

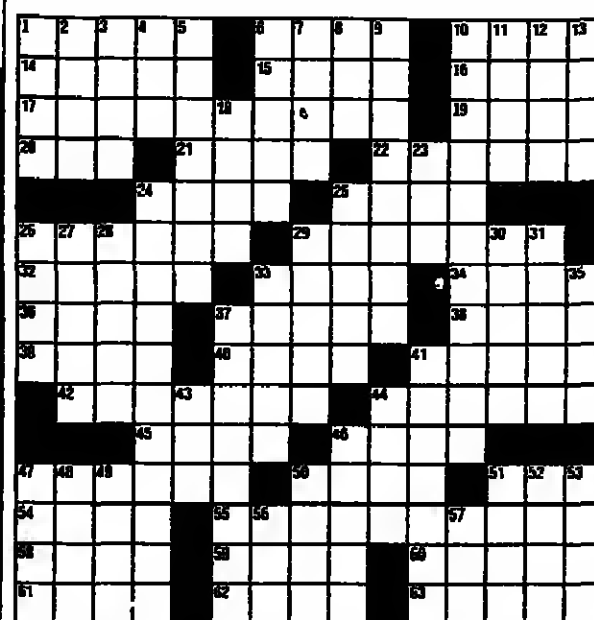
Few of us budget for the unexpected time consumers, like investigating some investment property for a brother who has no more business sense than a rice pudding. Or checking out a theory that the doctor and lawyer of a widowed aunt are hounding her out of her inheritance.

And speaking of budget, that's another thing there's never enough of. By the end of home leave, our thighs have wear marks from constantly putting our hands in and out of our pockets. It's like a sophisticated timing device: the minute we touch home soil, the insurance policies fall due, the lawnmower decides to break down, the roof needs repairs, and the car finally dies.

Life would definitely be a lot simpler without these emotional, financial, and physical stresses. But does the expatriate ever learn? Never. We've just confirmed our homeward reservations. Before we get where we're going, we can look forward to tiring travel and from several airports, tedious hours waiting for flights (both on time and delayed), and enough flying time to qualify for a pilot's licence.

But I guess we wouldn't have it any other way. After all, home is where the heart is. Once we're there, all the effort will have been worthwhile, life will fall neatly into place, and everything will be just right... at least that's what we want to believe.

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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- 31 Ball teams** 33 Steal silently
- 35 Certain tennis serves** 37 Foods
- 41 Improves on** 43 Rodent genus
- 44 Affluent** 46 Cash or officer
- 47 "Dracula" author** Stoker
- 48 Nevada resort** 49 Aware of
- 50 Sheltered arcade** 51 Beginner
- 52 Golf tournament** 53 Simple
- 56 Uneaten morsel** 57 Make lace

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

### RUN FROM COVER

Neither vulnerable. North deals.

**NORTH**  
 ♠ K Q  
 ♥ J 4 3  
 ♦ A K J 10  
 ♣ A K 6 3

**WEST**  
 ♠ A J 10 9 6 3  
 ♥ Void  
 ♦ Q 8 4  
 ♣ Q 10 7 2

**EAST**  
 ♠ 7 4 2  
 ♥ Q 10 8  
 ♦ 9 7 5 3  
 ♣ J 8 5

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ 8 5  
 ♥ A K 9 7 6 5 2  
 ♦ 6 2  
 ♣ 9 4

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 ♠	Pass	1 ♥	1 ♠
3 ♠	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
6 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Ace of ♣

One might think that, if you intend cashing the top cards in a suit, it makes no difference which card you lead toward your honors. But once in a while your choice of card might catch someone napping, as was the case on this hand.

South had only one story to tell, and he kept repeating it. However, when North confirmed that he had a heart fit as well as a powerful hand, South felt that his seven-card suit headed by the two top honors merited one move toward slam. He chose to bid five hearts to pinpoint his two spade losers, and with a spade control in a hand rich with prime values, North cheerfully bid on.

West led the ace of spades and continued the suit, taken in dummy. Now it might seem irrelevant which heart declarer leads from the table —

with 10 cards in the two hands, he is obviously going to bang out a top honor, hoping for a normal 2-1 split. So if he leads a low card to the king, East will defeat the contract simply by following with his lowest trump, because he will then have a sure trump trick.

But South was a veteran of years at the rubber bridge table. He called for the jack of trumps from the board. Either as a reflex action or because he remembered the adage: "Cover an honor with an honor," East put up his queen — why he should have thought that declarer intended running the jack when he knew declarer did not hold the ten is a mystery to us. When West showed out on this trick, it was a simple matter for declarer to cross back to dummy with a minor-suit winner to take the marked finesse of the nine of trumps.



"I'll ring you back, Fred! Let me just make a note of your number...!"



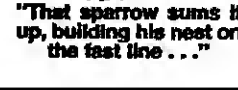
"That sparrow sums it up, building his nest on the fast line...!"



"My boyfriend dresses faster than you, dad!"



"That sparrow sums it up, building his nest on the fast line...!"



"My boyfriend dresses faster than you, dad!"

## Are you the marrying kind?

By Frances Rafferty

DO YOU dream of yourself cosy at home with your loved one living happily ever after? Or does the sound of wedding bells turn you cold? Do this fun quiz and find out if you are the marrying kind.

1. Your idea of an ideal night out is:
  - a) going to a nightclub?
  - b) a candlelit dinner for two?
  - c) snuggling up on the sofa with your partner and watching a soppy film?
  - d) having a dinner party for a few friends?
2. When you get your salary, do you:
  - a) settle your bills and then treat yourself to a new outfit?
  - b) have a good night out?
  - c) think of how much more you will save?
  - d) work out how many of your debts you can pay off?
3. When it comes to children do you:
  - a) adore them?
  - b) think they are nuisances?
  - c) think they are cute?
  - d) like playing with them, but get bored very quickly?
4. At a party do you:
  - a) check out the talent then make your move?
  - b) dance all night with your partner?
  - c) dance with a few friends?
  - d) sit in the kitchen nursing a drink?
5. On average, do your relationships last:
  - a) one month?
  - b) six months?
  - c) one year?
  - d) two years or more?
6. In your career are you:
  - a) very ambitious?
  - b) working steadily up the ladder?
  - c) just doing it for the money?
  - d) looking for a change?
7. When it comes to falling in love, do you:
  - a) take your time before com-

For some marriage is a dream, for others a nightmare. So when it comes to weddings, is it bliss or hell that you think of? Do this fun quiz and see if you're likely to tie the knot...



- b) tell them to behave themselves — but in joking way?
  - c) phone the hotel twice a day to say how much you are missing them?
  - d) worry the whole time whether they will be faithful?
15. What contributes most towards a long and happy marriage:
- a) money?
  - b) love?
  - c) trust?
  - d) companionship?

- 1) a0 b1 c3 d2
- 2) a2 b1 c3 d0
- 3) a3 b0 c2 d1
- 4) a0 b3 c2 d1
- 5) a0 b1 c2 d3
- 6) a0 b3 c2 d1
- 7) a3 b0 c1 d2
- 8) a1 b0 c2 d3
- 9) a3 b0 c2 d1
- 10) a1 b0 c1 d2
- 11) a1 b3 c2 d0
- 12) a3 b2 c1 d0
- 13) a1 b3 c1 d2
- 14) a2 b3 c1 d0
- 15) a1 b0 c1 d3

● If you scored 0-15: You are too footloose to be dragged up the aisle. Anyway, you are probably too interested in yourself for anybody to want you. There's a good chance however, you'd make a good lover... you've probably had lots of practice! But maybe you should look to settle down a little bit. You won't always want the wild life.

● If you scored 16-30: There are still a number of things you want to do in life before you settle down to marry. But once you have sown your oats or earned the job you are after, you will look forward to nuptial bliss. But make sure you find a partner who is equally ambitious... at least then they'll understand you better.

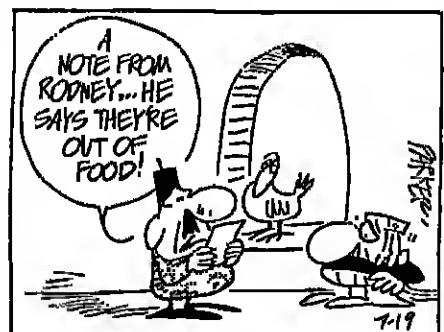
● If you scored 31-45: You are just ready to take the plunge, but realistic enough to know that marriage isn't always a bed of roses. You may still have a roving eye — but fortunately that is all.

● If you scored more than 45: You lie in bed at night dreaming of a fairytale wedding, but think less about the true meaning of marriage. You will make a good partner for life, but can be possessive and unwilling to socialise at times.

11. How many nights a week do you go out:
  - a) once?
  - b) twice?
  - c) four times?
  - d) almost every night?
12. Do you think your parent's marriage is:
  - a) very happy?
  - b) reasonably happy?
  - c) prone to ups and downs?
  - d) disastrous?
13. Around the home are you:
  - a) a bit of a slob?
  - b) neat and tidy?
  - c) obsessive about cleanliness?
  - d) not very tidy?
14. Your partner is going away on a week-long conference. Do you:
  - a) trust them completely?

## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



## B.C.

By Johnny Hart



## YOUR STARS



**Aries (March 20 - April 18)**  
 You will be able to overcome a certain degree of uncertainty. You should make sure you do not exaggerate or exceed the limits of safety. Pay a little more attention to your private life. Be less conspicuous.



**Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**  
 This is going to be a good day for you but you must exercise some degree of caution. You should not allow work to encroach upon your personal life. Do not say one thing and do another. Be loyal.



**Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**  
 You will be better able to deal with a practical problem. You must not do anything that might jeopardise the harmony with your partner. Make sure you do not spend more than you know you can afford. Be alert.



**Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**  
 You will be in your element but must avoid going too far. If you do not observe the limits of propriety you may well come to harm. Keep your wits very much about you. Be benevolent.



**Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)**  
 The prospects are good only you must not be too ambitious. You should try to become more aware of the consequences of your actions. You should not take any undue risks just now. Be consistent.



**Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)**  
 There is no point in dwelling on the past and on what might have been. You should keep yourself abreast of some changes that are in the offing. Do all you can to dispel some doubts. Be impartial.



**Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)**  
 You should make sure you do not create confusion especially in your private life. Your social life will be more hectic but you should not allow it to become predominant. Avoid taking everything quite so literally. Be moderate.



**Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)**  
 You will be better able to see what is ahead of you and to take the action needed. You will be able to take advantage of a good opportunity — how good you will not appreciate until later. Have more care for your health. Be sensible.



**Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)**  
 You will be able to make a move to improve your situation. You should make sure you do not underestimate the difficulties. Do not disperse your efforts into too many directions. Be observant.



**Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)**  
 You will be able to overcome some moments of tension and confusion. You are liable to mistake what is for something that is not so take special care. Make sure you do not eat and drink more than you know is good for you. Be amenable.



**Aquarius (Jan. 30 - Feb. 18)**  
 Your creative ability just now will enable you to deal with an unusual problem. You should make sure you do not do anything that your partner would not agree with.



**Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)**  
 You will be in a better mood, but must beware of too much exuberance. You should subject your intuitions to the scrutiny of reason. Do not say the first thing that comes to your head. Be objective.



## MEDICINE

## Cocaine linked to panic attacks

By Rob Stein

BOSTON: Cocaine and other stimulants, already linked to myriad health problems, may also cause terrifying panic attacks, a researcher says.

Dr Henry Abraham of St Elizabeth's Hospital in Boston, said he found evidence linking the use of cocaine and other stimulants to abnormal electrical activity in the brain associated with panic attacks.

"We can say (drug use) certainly appears to have a delayed association with panic," said Abraham, director of psychiatric research at the hospital.

About 6 per cent of the US population is estimated to experience panic attacks. The attacks involve rapid heart-beat, a strong sense of impending doom and signs of anxiety, such as sweaty palms and difficulty breathing.

"It's one of the most frightening things that could occur," said Abraham.

## Hallucinations

Abraham said he stumbled onto the apparent association when he was studying the electrical activity in the brains of people who suffered visual hallucinations long after taking LSD.

Abraham used a computerized method known as brain electrical activity map or BEAM to study the brains of eight patients who had been experiencing the hallucinations. He noticed four of the eight also had panic attacks, he said.

"I said, 'Gee, that just doesn't sound random,'" said Abraham. The panic attack rate was about 10 times higher than that which would be found in the general population, he said.

Abraham said he then tested 10 patients suffering from panic attacks and found eight had abnormal electrical activity in a part of the brain known as the temporal lobes. All eight had used some type of psychostimulant, including cocaine, LSD or amphetamines, Abraham said.

The panic attack patients were then compared to an equal number of panic attack patients who had no signs of abnormal electrical activity in the brain.

## Drugs

When the researchers analyzed a variety of factors that may have been involved, they found a past history of drug use was the strongest predictor of who was likely to have abnormal brain activity and panic attacks.

The temporal lobes are parts of the brain involved in controlling the so-called "fight-flight" response, so it makes sense that abnormalities in that part of the brain could create a sense of panic, Abraham said.

Abraham speculated drug use could affect this part of the brain, altering the electrical activity to create make them more prone to experiencing sensations of panic.

The subjects in the study had used drugs anywhere from two months to 18 years previous to being studied, he said.

Abraham, who reported his findings at a recent meeting of the American Psychiatric Association in Montreal, said more research is needed to explore the connection between drug use and panic attacks.

## Flying hope to the blind

By Mary Kemp

THE boy in the airliner looked at his watch. Then looked again. For the first time in eight years he could see the dial.

For when 16-year-old Ahmet Soysal first came aboard the white, four-engined DC-8 he was blind.

He was just one of thousands of people who make a pilgrimage to the plane, often called the Great White Bird, who experience a miracle. They are released from a world of darkness by a medical team, who fly from country to country.

During the last six years Project Orbis has completed 81 three-week missions in 53 countries and restored the sight of more than 500,000 patients.

The doctors aboard Orbis don't only perform eye operations, often on people who would otherwise be without hope. They teach others to do the same as they circle the Earth for ten months every year on their mission of mercy.

Sometimes, it is Operation Heartbreak. For the medical team of 12 has only a limited number of healing hands.

In African countries, the Executive Director of Project Orbis, Oliver Foot, admits the biggest problem is turning people away. He says: "It's absolutely heartbreaking, especially when you're woken up at three in the morning by a mother with a child on her hip begging for help."

## Educate

"But if we can educate doctors and nurses to combat blindness in the end we're going to give sight to a lot more people."

Then there are the colourful visitors. In Swaziland, witch-doctors can be seen wearing loincloths, feathered headgear and carrying spears. At first they thought the Orbis team was bad magic. But after watching a patient having a corneal transplant they announced their good magic.

In Mali, West Africa, four blind people arrived by camel from Timbuktoo, a two-week journey away.

But the main work of the flying hospital, which costs \$6 million a year to keep in the air, is healing and teaching.

I went aboard the veteran aircraft when it was taking a break at Schiphol Airport in Amsterdam, before flying on to

The veteran DC-8 flies round the world, its medical team bringing sight to thousands of blind people. And it's kept in the air by faith, hope ... and a miracle of charity all of its own.

Bulgaria. Inside the DC-8 which cost \$2 million dollars to convert into a teaching hospital, was an operating theatre, sophisticated microsurgical equipment and an elaborate audio visual unit.

Oliver Foot, the 41-year-old son of Lord Caradon, Britain's one-time ambassador to the United Nations and the nephew of the former Labour leader Michael Foot, explains: "There are 11 cameras dotted all over the plane. Each operation can be watched, live, by 20 doctors sitting in our classroom on board. Plus we screen it to the airport where a further 300 can watch and learn."

"Our next step is to get satellites. That way the whole world will be our classroom."

The Great White Bird flies over borders, political differences and wars without missing a beat of its four lusty engines. Oliver adds: "There are some 400 major conflicts in the world. We focus the attention of medical and political leaders on alleviating human suffering through the skills of teaching and goodwill."

In its operating theatre, Jew and Arab and Nicaraguan and American may work together. For miracles know no boundaries.

Take the miracle of Ahmet Soysal, a 16-year-old Turkish boy blinded in both eyes by an accident, who touched the hearts of the entire Orbis team. Oliver Foot recalls: "We sat him in the laser room and after two minutes of laser surgery brought him into the cockpit."

## Witnessed

"He was wearing a watch on his wrist that had been given to him on his eighth birthday. Apparently he had just learned to read the time before he was blinded. 'We were all just sitting around and talking when suddenly Ahmet looked down at his watch and told the time.'"

"It was wonderful, but what was even more wonderful was that a couple of Turkish eye surgeons had witnessed the operation and had learned how to perform laser surgery. Now

thousands of Turks like Ahmet are being cured."

And the doctors and their dedicated team give up worldly wealth to help in the great medical crusade.

Three years ago Dr Steve Laukaitis gave up a lucrative, private practice in America to join Project Orbis. Now, while his colleagues are raking in millions he gets a daily allowance of \$25. Everyone else who works on Orbis gets the same. Instead Dr Laukaitis is rewarded with thousands of 'miracles' as he restores the sight of the world's blind.

And they give up, too, much of their private lives. Even though the doctors and nurses are young and lively there is no time for relationships as they are either airborne or working.

And there are some financial miracles, too. Otherwise the Great White Bird would be long since grounded.

When Orbis was grounded in Florida with \$1 million debts, Oliver Foot flew to Saudi Arabia, was granted a sitting with the Crown Prince, Abdullah bin Abdulaziz, and a month later received a donation of half a million dollars.

## Brain-child

Nowadays, Oliver gets his money from international corporations and governments. The cost of each three-week mission is between £80,000 and £200,000 depending on how much free fuel and hotel accommodation the Project can beg.

One of the jobs of Director of Operations, Patrick Healy, a 35-year-old ex-commercial pilot, is to solicit fuel companies. He explains: "The DC-8 eats up around \$175,000 worth of fuel every year. But the generosity of people is amazing."

"On a recent visit to the USSR we were given £150,000 worth of fuel and hotel accommodation. Right now we're having a fuel leak and a crack on the wing fixed and the Dutch airline KLM are footing the £25,000 bill."

Project Orbis was the brain child of a Houston eye-surgeon

called Dr David Paton. He believed the most effective way of teaching surgical skills was the direct-hands-on training.

Oliver Foot first met Dr Paton in 1982 while he was visiting his childhood home in Jamaica. His father had been an ambassador there. Now the former actor, who remembers the Duke Edinburgh reading him bedtime stories, lives a hectic life flitting between his humble, one-bedroomed apartment in New York and the rest of the world.

While this writer was at Schiphol airport, the crew of 20, including doctors, nurses, anaesthetists, engineers and administrators were preparing for a gruelling 15 weeks of missions, starting in Bulgaria and ending up in Thailand.

## Skills

Led by the exuberant and affable Oliver Foot, a party of leading Dutch ophthalmologists are being given a guided tour of the DC-8, the oldest still flying in the world. They take a break in the fuselage classroom to watch a video of a cataract operation, recorded live when Orbis was in Sudan.

Oliver gives a running commentary: "We may carry out up to four operations a day but our primary purpose is to educate ophthalmologists around the world in the business of preventing, treating and curing blindness."

Hailed as the 'great white bird of hope', in many undeveloped countries, Orbis is equally revered in countries such as Spain and the USSR,



Dr Steve Laukaitis of the Project Orbis performs laser surgery on a patient.

who are leaders in eye surgery.

Surgical skills are collected from developed countries and passed on to the Third World. In China, Orbis doctors watched a tiny, 25-cent, silicon bead removing cataracts, and told doctors in the Philippines about it.

And sometimes it brings a medical revolution with it. For example in 1982, when they touched down in Peru, they were told that corneal transplants were against the law because of religious and superstitious reasons. Replacement of a scarred cornea brings full sight to many people who blind or nearly blind.

But because the Orbis team were on the 'neutral' ground of an aeroplane they were allowed to carry out a transplant of an 11-year-old girl. They used corneas that had been shipped over from Texas. President Belaunde of Peru watched the operation. It was a success and two weeks after Orbis had left Peru, President Belaunde

amended the law.

Now there are more than 300 corneal transplants a year in Peru.

Meanwhile back in the fuselage, Oliver shows his Dutch guests a video of their mission to Mali, which coincided with the project's sixth anniversary. Oliver enthuses: "It was the most wonderful event in Orbis' history. 110 representatives from 17 different countries attended training programmes."

Even the Russian and American ambassadors arrived together. Because we are non-political we cut across everybody's boundary, border and type of bureaucracy. Orbis is a symbol of international solidarity."

The Dutch visitors stand at the aeroplane's doorway shaking hands with the entire crew. They turn to climb down the steps to the tarmac. For hundreds of blind people all over the world this is the first thing they see in their lives.



Alan Lack with his son Stuart. Both were struck by leukaemia but managed to save each other's life with a unique double bone marrow transplant.

## Father and son in unique bone marrow transplant

By John Illman

A FATHER and son who were both struck down by leukaemia have saved each other's life with a unique double bone marrow transplant.

Alan Lack was the donor in 1980 when his son Stuart contracted the deadly cancer. Then, by a 'million-to-one' chance, the father developed a different form of leukaemia.

Stuart, now 19 and completely healthy, donated his own bone marrow in a reverse operation and his 45-year-old father is recovering well.

Doctors at the Royal Marsden Hospital in Sutton, Surrey, UK, say the double transplant is a world first — and an inspiration to all cancer sufferers.

Mr Lack, a computer manager from Emsworth, Hamp-

shire, said: "I was proud to help when Stuart needed me. I just thank God he could do the same for me. It's wonderful that he has given me the gift of life."

## Extraordinary

Cancer specialist Dr Ray Powles, who runs the hospital's leukaemia unit and was involved in both operations, said: "It is quite an extraordinary story — the stuff of fiction. But if you wrote it in a book, it wouldn't sound credible."

He explained: "Basically the father has got back supplies of his own marrow. It has been floating around the son for the last eight years." This means Stuart's bone marrow is now wholly-matched with his father's. Before the original transplant it was only half matched because chromosomes are sup-

plied by both parents.

The doctor said it was a "million-to-one chance" that father and son should develop leukaemia within ten years. Mr Lack suffered oesinophilic leukaemia, a very rare form of the disease. Stuart had acute myeloblastic leukaemia, the most common form.

Thirty years ago both would have died. But now between ten and 20 per cent of the victims of myeloblastic leukaemia are cured with drugs alone. The success rate is more than 50 per cent if drug therapy is combined with a transplant of bone marrow, the spongy tissue in the middle of bone that makes blood cells.

The Royal Marsden was the first hospital in Europe to carry out bone marrow transplants and has performed more than 500 since 1973.

## PET scan: new way of identifying heart attack risks

By Lidia Wasowicz

BERKELEY, California. (UPI) — Scientists have developed a technique that shows promise of being able to pinpoint blocked coronary arteries, identifying patients at risk for heart attack before any symptoms appear.

The methods, based on studies by researchers at Lawrence Berkeley laboratory, uses a nuclear imaging technique called positron emission tomography, or PET.

"Over the past 10 years, our team has developed a technique for evaluating the flow of blood to the heart muscle — a measurement that reflects the health of the coronary arteries," said Dr Thomas Budinger, head of the research medicine and radiation biophysics division.

Currently, only a coronary angiogram can show arterial blockage. This is a complicated, expensive and risky procedure that requires hospitalisation and involves running a tube called a catheter up an artery from the groin to the heart and pumping in dye. Budinger said.

In contrast, he said, PET scans could be performed in the doctor's office as part of an annual check-up and could point out potential trouble long before any outward symptoms appear.

In this procedure, the patient inhales, ingests or is injected with a positron-emitting radioactive tracer that concentrates in a particular organ or tissue. The tracer is detected through a ring of crystals placed around the patient. The resulting three-dimensional image of the tracer enables doctors to follow the course of organic processes in progress.

In the coronary artery studies, researchers used the tracer rubidium-82 because of its metabolic resemblance to potassium, an important biological element absorbed so quickly into the heart muscle that within minutes of an injection, the heart can be seen clearly on a PET scan.

In addition, rubidium-82 has only a 75-second half-life and disappears from the heart almost instantly. This allows researchers to perform a scan, test a particular treatment such as a drug or exercise and then follow up with another scan to measure the effect of the therapy.

Budinger's team began human tests of the procedure two years ago on patients with arteriosclerosis and heart disease.

The patient first exercises briefly or, at times, is given a drug that mimics the effect of exercise, dilating the coronary arteries and allowing increased blood flow to heart muscles. A PET scan is then taken.

## Areas

The images showed that in the arteriosclerotic patients, certain areas of the heart received decreased — rather than increased — blood flow.

"These are the areas that are served by diseased arteries that cannot dilate," Budinger explained.

After a short rest, a second PET scan is taken.

"In the diseased patients, the difference between the two images is remarkable," Budinger said.

"The patients not only have a decrease in blood flow during exercise but also show a greater increase than normal patients immediately afterwards, during the recovery period. This reversal was a striking and unexpected observation."

Such ability to measure blood flow has become particularly important with the introduction of drugs designed to be injected into coronary arteries to dissolve clots during a heart attack.

FAMILY DOCTOR  
By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

QUESTION: My girlfriend and I recently took our children to their respective pediatricians with complaints of sore throats. My friend's doctor took a throat culture and waited for the results before giving her daughter antibiotics. Mine, on the other hand, just gave my child penicillin. Do you think a culture should be done before a sore throat is treated?

ANSWER: The controversy over the best means of diagnosing strep throat is a never-ending one. All physicians seem to agree that patients treated for a strep infection of the throat have fewer complications than those that are not, but throat cultures are not always accurate. The fact is they may be negative even when the infection is caused by the strep bacteria, so throat cultures cannot always be relied on.

Most doctors examine their patients carefully and, depending upon their findings, make the decision to treat immediately or to do further tests. If it is obviously from the examination that the child is likely to have a strep throat then treatment can begin at once. It is the young patient where the

findings are unclear who benefits from having a throat culture, reserving treatment for those with positive cultures.

I would imagine that this is exactly what happened with both of your children. Most doctors today are extremely sensitive to medical costs and to the sometimes potential dangers that exist from dispensing medications freely without strong enough medical evidence to support their use. Your question helps me make another important point. Always remember that in medicine today there is usually more than one way to correctly treat the same condition.

QUESTION: My grandson was just born with an abnormally wrinkled stomach. My daughter has been told he has "prune belly" syndrome. What is this? Is it dangerous? What must be done to help him?

ANSWER: Prune belly syndrome affects mostly boys and is caused by a deficiency in the abdominal muscles. It is also associated with abnormal development of the urinary and genital systems.

The baby's abdominal wall gets severely stretched because of a deficiency in the

abdominal musculature. Because these muscles are weak, the skin of the abdomen is severely stretched by the pressure of the bowel and bladder. When the pressure is relieved, the skin then collapses back into a mass of wrinkles, looking like the surface of a large prune, thus the "prune belly" syndrome. Fortunately, as long as your daughter works closely with a doctor who understands this problem, your grandson can lead a normal life.

The baby will need proper abdominal support and he'll need diligent urological care.

The physician will keep an eye on the growth and development of the bladder, which may be distended in the early stages of this problem. It is also imperative that the doctor monitor the kidneys continuously, as there is sometimes kidney atrophy. Major complications usually are avoided with proper care, and the parents and grandparents can enjoy all the joy a child brings to a family, with just a little additional care and attention. Good luck to your grandson.

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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Federal Reserve raises discount rate

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9. (Reuters): The Federal Reserve, the US central bank, said today it was raising its key discount rate by half a point to 6.5 per cent.

The rate, which is the fee the Fed charges banks for short term loans, was last raised on Sept. 4, 1987.

The Federal Reserve has nudged other interest rates higher in recent weeks in an effort to cool the economy and prevent inflationary pressures from building up.

But Wall Street economists had not expected the Fed, all of whose members were appointed by President Reagan, to raise the psychologically important discount rate so close to the November presidential election.

**Rise**

The interest rate rise, which took effect immediately, could mean higher rates throughout the US economy.

The Federal Reserve said the surprise move to raise the discount rate reflected "the intent of the Federal Reserve to reduce inflationary pressures."

"The action was also taken in light of the growing spread of market interest rates over the discount rate," it added.

The six Fed governors were unanimous in approving the rate increase.

Higher interest rates could damage Vice-President George Bush's White House prospects by undermining his efforts to take credit for Reagan success in reducing inflation.

**Expansion**

Although the economy is in its 69th month of expansion, a number of opinion polls suggest Americans are uneasy about future prosperity, and higher rates could further damage their confidence.

On Wall Street, stock prices fell after the Fed announced the discount rate rise. The dollar, which had been firming in recent days, remained near the day's highs after the announcement.

US economic growth has been surprisingly strong despite the October 19 stock market crash. The economy grew at a brisk 3.1 per cent annual rate of growth between April and June after a robust 3.4 per cent growth rate in the first quarter.

The strong pace of economic growth has raised concern in the financial markets and the US central bank that the economy might overheat and rekindle inflation.

**Increase**

Financial analysts have said an increase in interest rates would help slow the economy to level that would reduce pressures for price increases.

In its latest forecast, the Fed said US gross national product should grow by 2.75 per cent to three per cent this year, but slow to around two to 2.5 per cent next year.

The rise in interest rates could lend credence to the assertion by Democratic presidential candidate Michael Dukakis that the recovery is in jeopardy because of the Reagan administration's tolerance of high federal budget and trade deficits.

## Barwil tries to increase activities

THE world-wide shipping agency chain, Barwil, has called for a meeting of its various general managers, in Oslo today and tomorrow, in order to discuss the recent developments in the Middle East. With a possible ceasefire and peace agreement between Iran and Iraq, Barwil is preparing for increased activities in the area.

Together with influential partners Barwil has offices in Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Kuwait and Oman, which can be of immediate assistance to ship operators, trading houses, freight forwarders, salvage and insurance companies and others who will be involved in the anticipated increasing activities in the area.

**Services**

Barwil does not only act as shipping agents, but provides total transport services throughout their own fleet of utility boats as well as feeder vessels, trucks and barges. The president of Barwil's head office in Oslo, Hakon Oestberg, says that "Barwil has been in the Middle East for more than 15 years, we have offices staffed with our own well-experienced people in all areas, who are ready to service all customers."

## KIO signs legally-binding deeds

# Kuwait pledges to limit BP stake

LONDON, Aug. 9. (Reuters): Kuwait pledged today not to raise its 21.68 per cent stake in oil giant British Petroleum Co. PLC (BP), assuaging takeover fears in Britain.

The London-based Kuwait Investment Office (KIO) signed legally-binding deeds which oil analysts said effectively promised not to mount a takeover of Britain's biggest oil company.

Concern grew in Britain after the KIO, which spends the OPEC state's petrodollars, began snapping up cheap BP

stock after its share price collapsed in the October stock market crash.

The collapse coincided with the British government's decision to sell off its remaining 31.5 per cent stake in BP.

Trade and Industry Secretary Lord Young launched a Monopolies and Mergers Commission (MMC) inquiry into the stake in May to judge whether it was against public interest.

**Worried**

Industry sources said BP's management became progressively worried when the Kuwait

stake was on the increase, fearing BP's independence could be impaired.

Oil experts said it appeared that by signing a formal document, Kuwait hoped to keep BP share prices firm and guarantee the MMC would approve its stake.

Kuwait had already given assurances to the British government that it would limit its involvement in BP.

"They are putting in writing what they already promised, to increase their chances of clearing the MMC inquiry," said oil

analyst Jeremy Elden of stockbrokers Phillips and Drew.

The KIO said it will not limit its stake to the current 21.68 per cent and will not use the voting power of more than 14.9 per cent of the company's stock.

It also agreed not to block any board appointments proposed by BP and said it will not seek a directorship itself.

"Kuwait will use its interest in BP only to protect its investment and not to further any other commercial or political interest of Kuwait," it said.

Should the KIO sell any shares

it will never in future buy more 20 per cent of the company, it added.

The deeds were signed without pressure from the British government and will stay in force whatever the results of the MMC investigation, which are expected in the next month.

The MMC has been told about the deeds and they will form part of the KIO's evidence to the inquiry.

The stock market welcomed the Kuwaiti pledge and BP fully paid shares rose five pence (8.5 cents) to £2.62.

## Shipbuilding a drag on Indian economy: Sheth

BOMBAY, Aug. 9. The Indian shipping industry should go in for a "second Indian flag like Norway" to reap the benefits of "flags of convenience" (FOCs). "If we cannot beat the world trend towards flags of convenience, we must join them," observed Vasant Sheth, chairman of Great Eastern Shipping, here last week.

Speaking at a seminar organised by the College of Insurance, he pointed out that about 40 per cent of the world ships were registered under such popular flags (i.e. FOCs). In fact, "there is competition between second flags of European nations like the Norwegian International Flag and the traditional flags of convenience for being the most popular flags."

The fundamental fact which India has to accept is the fierce international competition of these totally independent shipowners with low operating costs under such popular flags. We must have, therefore, a second Indian flag like Norway."

**Costs**

The shipowners from developed countries began to register their ships under the flag of convenience because of their high operating costs,

especially manning costs and high taxes. Registration under the FOC countries gave them freedom from national regulations regarding scale of manning, rates of wages, social service payments and taxation.

During the recent shipping depression, developed maritime countries suffered a further setback because of their higher costs of operation under their own national flags.

**Activity**

Referring to Indian shipyards, Sheth observed that the shipbuilding activity in the country was "a drag on Indian economy." It was always known that shipbuilding was not a paying proposition for two reasons: (1) various types of equipment and components needed in the process of shipbuilding were just not readily available in India and (2) the production per man-hour was nowhere comparable with the European shipyards (leaders in the field in the early days, now the leaders are South Korea and Japan) and later with the efficient Japanese.

"In fact gradually over the past 40 years, the difference in the cost of building a ship in India and the internationally competitive realisable value has been

widening.

In the 1950's the subsidy needs of an Indian shipyard were 20-25 per cent, while today, these are certainly over 100 per cent."

Even the rich West European countries, including the UK and Scandinavian countries which built over 70 per cent of the world's ships in the early 1950's, have substantially reduced their shipbuilding activity because of the very heavy subsidies they had to pay year after year in competition with the Japanese.

"I therefore, feel that a shipyard is a drag on the Indian economy and at best could only serve the purpose of building ships required for our Indian Navy. It would certainly be undesirable either to expand or to continue in commercial shipbuilding," Vasant Sheth said.

Sheth referred to tramp shipping activity and said that India should not confine itself to the "groove of Indian ships for Indian trade or a role of purely import substitution," but also vigorously embark on an additional effort in carrying cargo in cross trades or to develop "Indian shipping as an export industry, to earn foreign exchange through invisible exports of shipping services."

## Red capital causes problems in Hong Kong

HONG KONG, Aug. 9. (UPI): China's "red capitalists" are not waiting for 1997 to move into Hong Kong's free enterprise system, but some of their tactics are disturbing the British colony's traditional business world.

Beijing's drive toward modernisation and a market economy has made China the largest single investor in Hong Kong, which reverts to China in 1997 at the expiry of Britain's 99-year lease on the territory.

Already, Chinese capitalists have had many conflicts with local and foreign traders, especially over bidding for projects. They are criticised for offering prices well below the break-even point, squeezing small local investors and eventually causing losses to the state when they lost money on the deals.

**Competition**

"By the fact that they are using state capital, there can be no free competition," said Paul Lin, an expert in Chinese economy, at Hong Kong University. "Banks

are very willing to lead to Chinese-funded companies, but not to local businessmen."

China has overtaken the United States as the leading source of foreign investment in Hong Kong during the past two years. Analysts estimate about 3,000 enterprises in Hong Kong are Chinese, with a total capitalisation of \$6 billion to \$10 billion. US investment totals slightly less than \$6 billion.

"State capital from China has been here for years, but the influx began after the Sino-British agreement in 1984 to maintain stability and prosperity" — the declared aim of the accord — in Hong Kong, Lin said.

The Chinese capital has extended to hotel, construction, public works projects and even the risky property and realty markets, going well beyond the traditional China trade items such as food, medicine and arts and crafts.

"It's good that Chinese funds started coming when British funds began leaving during the Sino-British talks," said Xu

Simin, a Hong Kong delegate to the national committee of Chinese people's political consultative conference. "But the unlimited influx of socialist state capital is going to affect adversely the operation of this free economy."

"Under the pretext of stabilising the Hong Kong economy, the companies are not operating according to the rules of capitalist game."

**Plans**

"These people don't have plans and clear goals, devastating medium- to small-sized local businesses with huge amounts of state funds. Loss to them is just like paying tuition fees. They don't have to go bankrupt themselves."

"Moreover, their personal lives are more extravagant than general capitalists. They get splendid offices, buy luxurious cars, drink profusely and frequent obscene establishments."

Beijing is aware of the

## Argentina launches battle against 320pc inflation

BUENOS AIRES: President Alfonsín promised to launch "a decisive battle against inflation" as his government announced an emergency economic package aimed at curbing an inflation rate of over 320 per cent a year and reducing the budget deficit, reports the Daily Telegraph.

The measures, widely regarded as Alfonsín's last chance to solve pressing economic problems before general elections next year, include a price agreement with business sectors, new currency policies, cuts in public spending and a further opening up of the economy.

Speaking on nationwide television on Wednesday Alfonsín said his government was "beginning a decisive battle against inflation," which, he added, "constitutes the main impediment to growth and has produced acute social injustices."

**Package**

Reminding his audience that his six-year term would end in roughly 500 "days" time, the President added that he hoped to "put Argentina's economy on the takeoff platform" by then.

The package is aimed at reducing by half Argentina's budget deficit to an official target of 3.9 per cent of its gross domestic product, as its foreign creditors

would like.

The government's inability to reduce the budget deficit is now widely blamed for the failure of the Austral Plan launched three years ago. The plan, which included a price and wage freeze, initially managed to curb inflation, but by 1986, it had failed to curb inflation, which was running at 1,000 per cent a year at the time, but began to fall in early 1986.

The measures, announced by the Economy Minister, Juan Sourrouille, include an agreement with about 400 leading manufacturers to keep price increases down to a total of five per cent in the next two months. Inflation is now estimated at 25 per cent a month.

**Funds**

The new emergency package also includes an 11 per cent devaluation. The government maintained a system of twin exchange rates — farming products will be the only exports to be sold at the lower "commercial rate" — but decided in future that the commercial rate (now standing 20 per cent below the so-called financial exchange rate) will be unified.

Treasury funds for public works, such as the Atucha II nuclear power plant in the province of Buenos Aires, will be cut, and export duties on almost 500 products will be lifted.

## World Business Summary

### US oil demand expected to rise by 2pc this year

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9. (Reuters): US oil demand is expected to rise by two per cent in 1988 and by another one per cent next year, the US Energy Department predicted yesterday. It said this year's demand, spurred by low world crude oil prices and a strong US economy, would rise by 310,000 barrels a day to 17 million barrels, the highest since 1980 when demand hit 18.3 million barrels a day. The department's Energy Information Administration (EIA) said strong demand for jet fuel, heating oil, motor gasoline and oil for the petrochemical industry would push up next year's demand. It projected crude prices to remain relatively low, rising from less than \$15 a barrel in the third quarter of 1988 to around \$17 a barrel by early next year, and remaining there throughout 1989. The EIA projected domestic crude production to fall by 120,000 barrels a day in 1988 and by 230,000 barrels a day in 1989, forcing imports of crude and petroleum products to rise by six per cent in 1988 and by eight per cent in 1989. Imports now make up about 41 per cent of US consumption. The EIA's short-term energy outlook also said the drought this year will reduce hydroelectric generation and, with high temperatures, raise electricity demand, causing utilities to rely more heavily on fossil fuels and nuclear power.

### OPEC secretary-general begins Latin American tour

VIENNA, Aug. 9. (OPECNA): OPEC Secretary-General Dr Subroto left here yesterday for a two-week Latin American tour which will take him to Ecuador and Venezuela, both members of the organisation, and non-OPEC producers Colombia and Mexico. His first stop will be Ecuador, where he will attend the inauguration ceremonies of the country's new President Dr Rodrigo Borja Cevallos in Quito on Wednesday. His visit to Ecuador is also part of a tour of all 13 OPEC member countries, of which he already visited Saudi Arabia, the UAE and Indonesia. From Ecuador, he will fly to Colombia as the first non-OPEC oil producing country he plans to visit as part of the OPEC/non-OPEC contacts aimed at stabilising the international petroleum market. In Colombia, he will meet the country's President, Virgilio Barco Vargas and Minister of Mines and Energy Guillermo Eduardo Perry Rubio on Friday to brief them on the recent meeting of the OPEC ministerial price committee in Lusanne. The secretary-general will arrive in Caracas on Sunday to meet Venezuelan President Jaime Lusinchi and Julio Cesar Gil, the new Minister of Energy and Mines who was sworn in Monday. He will wind up his tour with a visit to Mexico on August 7 to meet Minister of Energy and Mines Fernando Hiriart Balderraman.

### Arab dependence on wheat imports to continue: study

ABU DHABI, Aug. 9. (Reuters): Arab demand for wheat is expected to rise by 4.5 million tonnes to 37 million tonnes a year by the year 2000, more than double the region's production, the Dubai Chamber of Commerce said on Friday. Arab states produced about 10.3 million tonnes of wheat in 1980 and the total was expected to reach 17.5 million tonnes by the end of the century, the chamber said in a report. "Arab countries are still largely depending on imports for their food needs, with wheat and coarse grain imports currently standing at \$15 billion," it said. "With the estimated year-2000 levels of production and consumption, Arab food self-sufficiency will not exceed 47.3 per cent." But the report said some states, such as Saudi Arabia, had managed to attain self-sufficiency. Production in Iraq was expected to reach 93.6 per cent of domestic demand by 2000. It said Tunisia, Libya and Sudan were expected to meet between 79 and 89 per cent of their local wheat needs by then.

### Heavy oil to play 'key role'

EDMONTON, Alberta, Aug. 9. (Reuters): Heavy oil will play key role in meeting future world energy demands as light oil becomes harder to find and reserves are exhausted, the president of Venezuela's state oil company said yesterday. Speaking to an international conference on heavy oil and oil sands, Petroleos de Venezuela president Juan Chacín said reserves of the thick, heavy oil total more than 450 billion barrels in the Western Hemisphere alone — enough to satisfy demand in the hemisphere for more than a century. At the same time, new light oil supplies are becoming harder and more expensive to find, he said. "I see an abundant supply of energy in the future," Chacín told delegates from over 25 countries attending the conference. If sustained, Chacín said recent moderate growth in world oil requirements could increase demand by a million barrels per day per year. At that rate, he predicted additional supplies of heavy oil and the tar-like petroleum known as bitumen will be needed beginning in the early 1990s.

### China to boost oil production

EDMONTON, Alberta, Aug. 9. (Reuters): China plans to increase oil production by nearly 11 per cent over the next five years to meet increased domestic demands created by economic reform, the vice-president of the China National Petroleum Corporation said yesterday. The Chinese government has set a goal of increased production by 20 million barrels per year through 1992. Li Tian Xiang told Reuters while attending a heavy oil conference here. The increases will bring total Chinese production to more than one billion barrels per year, Xiang said. The People's Republic produced 940 million barrels of oil last year. Oil exports, which totalled 180 million barrels in 1987, are not expected to increase since rising consumer and industrial demands will absorb much of the production hike, he said. At the same time, oil exports are unlikely to be diverted to domestic needs since China needs the foreign currency.

### Non-oil exports up by 36pc

JAKARTA, Aug. 9. (OPECNA): Indonesian exports, excluding oil and gas, totalled \$3.97 billion in value during the first five months of this year, up 36 per cent from the 2.93 billion recorded during the same period in 1987. According to the Central Bank of Indonesia here, the increase was due to commodities fetching higher prices on world markets. Most of the goods were exported to Japan, the United States, the countries of the European Economic Community, East Europe, Hong Kong, South Korea, Singapore, the Middle East and China. The country's main non-oil exports include plywood, sawn timber, natural rubber, tin, coffee, palm oil, tuna fish, shrimp, tobacco, textiles and garments, spices, fertiliser, cement, rattan products and electronic goods.

Meanwhile, the value of crude oil exports over the same period fell by 2.3 per cent — from \$2.43 billion in 1987 to 2.37 billion this year. The main customers were the US, Japan and the EEC countries. However, exports of liquefied natural gas (LNG) in the first five months of 1988 increased to \$1.35 billion in value from one billion last year, a rise of 35 per cent.

### EEC gives emergency aid to Sudan

BRUSSELS, Belgium, (AP): The European Economic Community Commission today said it approved 650,000 European currency units (\$712,000) in emergency aid for flood victims in Sudan. The EEC aid will provide tents, blankets and other emergency equipment for people made homeless by the worst floods in 42 years in the African nation. It will further allow doctors to fly to the stricken region and help the estimated 1.5 million people affected by the disaster. The capital, Khartoum, had been almost completely paralysed by power and water supply cutoffs for several days following torrential rains last week.

## Japan's consumers begin vigorous buying spree

TOKYO, Aug. 9. (Reuters): After years of saving and penny-pinching, Japanese consumers have started a buying spree that has sparked an economic boom beyond economists' expectations.

Some of the brisk buying has spilled overseas, but the main thrust is still at home and helping to fill the money chests of Japanese businesses, economists said.

Consumer spending has triggered a chain reaction, said senior economist Takashi Kiuchi at long-term credit bank of Japan Ltd, adding: "We have renewed economic strength."

Kiuchi forecasts Japan's gross national product (GNP) will grow at a brisk five per cent in the 1988 financial year ending next March 31, and about four per cent the following year, owing to this surge in consumer spending.

**Growth**

Most economists until recently expected Japanese growth to be around just four per cent or less this financial year.

Economist Richard Jerram at Kleinwort Benson International Inc. predicted the buying would continue.

"It is hard to see anything that might threaten it," he said.

"Employment has increased. Wages are higher. And both encourage consumers to buy more."

Kazutaka Miyazaki, economist for Dai-ichi Kangyo Bank Ltd, said workers are taking home more pay from larger summer bonuses and increased overtime and would soon have even more to spend. The government just lowered income taxes and that effect would appear in September paycheques, he added.

Because spending is so strong, manufacturers and service companies are pouring substantial funds into their factories and facilities to keep up with the smart demand and this is also helping to drive the growth of the economy, Jerram said.

Next year several factors are nearly in place to help the consumer spending engine even more, he said. The most important will likely come in January when Japan's government offices begin closing twice a month on Saturdays as well as Sunday, providing two-day weekends for government employees.

Banks, brokerages and stock exchanges are expected to follow this example and close every Saturday from February.



LONDON  
(Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST	209/0
ABBEY LIFE	334/0	
ADT LTD	145/0	
ALD LYONS	418/0	
ANSTRAD	229/0	
ARBYLL GP	156/0	
ASDA GP	280/0	
BAA	286/0	
BAT	425/0	
BAT INDS	409/0	
BAYCLAY	784/0	
BEAZER	77/32	
BEECHAM	492/0	
BERKSFORD	380/0	
BICC PLC	368/0	
BLUE ARROW	96/0	
BLUE CIRC	458/0	
BOC GP	418/0	
BOOTS CO	229/0	
BPB INDS	290/0	
BR COMH	38/50	
BR AIRWAY	156/0	
BR AEROSP	497/4	
BR GAS RG	84/25	
BR GAS RT	182/0	
BR LAND	351/0	
B.P.	58/74	
B.P. NAV	59/0	
B.P.-RT	258/0	
BURMAN OIL	543/0	
BURTON	227/0	
CABLEWIR	380/0	
CADBURYS	392/0	
COATS VVY	233/0	
COMN INT	376/0	
CONS GOLD	031/0	
COOKSON	253/0	
COURTAULD	349/0	
DALEY	340/0	
DEE CP	177/0	
DIXONS	181/0	
ENG CHINA	56/00	
ENTER OIL	480/0	
FKI BACB	135/0	
FERRANTI	92/0	
GEN ACCIO	936/0	
GEN ELEC	165/0	
GLAXO	965/0	
GRAMADA	308/0	
GLOBE	144/5	
GLYME	315/0	
GRAND MET	195/0	
GUARD RYL	337/0	
GUN	337/0	
GUINNESS	329/0	
HANSON	142/0	
HARRISON C	642/0	
NUKOR SIO	530/0	
HILLSDOWN	280/0	
ICI	040/0	

LONDON  
(Beta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
1ST CHARL	12/4	12/4
2ND ALLCE	753/0	752/0
600 GROUP	118/0	119/0
A B PORTS	529/0	530/0
A.B.ELECT	449/0	450/0
AMB KENT	92/0	91/0
AN HLD	280/0	281/0
ARCONSON	119/0	120/0
ACRE OIL	220/0	222/0
ADISON	40/0	39/0
ADVEST	365/0	365/0
ALEXON	380/0	386/0
ALLD COLL	130/0	131/0
ALLD IR B	256/0	255/0
ALLD LND	129/0	130/0
ALLD PLNT	60/0	61/0
ALLIANCE	853/0	850/0
AMAR	273/0	273/0
AMEC	387/0	386/0
AMER TRST	126/0	127/0
AMERSHAW	636/0	634/0
ANI HLTHC	253/0	
ANGLIA TV	180/0	181/0
ANGLO D'S	216/0	215/0
ANISBACH	90/0	90/0
APPLEYARD	490/0	490/0
APRIOT	126/0	126/0
APV PLC	122/0	123/0
AQUAS.A	80/0	81/0
ARAN ENGY	75/0	75/0
ARCHER AG	145/0	146/0
ARLINGTON	182/0	182/0
ARNSTRONG	142/0	142/0
ASNA NEWS	537/0	535/0
ASTRA HLD	33/4	34/0
ATLANTIC CH	493/0	493/0
ATTWOODS	291/0	291/0
AUS REE A	277/0	277/0
AUST REED	378/0	377/0
AUTO SECS	280/0	280/0
AVON RUBB	748/0	748/0
B.MEINILL	190/0	191/0
BAILL SHI	85/0	84/0
BAIRD WRE	267/0	267/0
BANK TRE	242/0	242/0
BANKER IT	74/0	74/0
BARKER DD	136/0	136/0
T + N	31/0	31/0
BARTY DEV	178/0	178/0
BAYES C	31/0	31/0
BBA GROUP	182/0	187/0
BEAR B	5/0	5/0
BEAR BRND	10/0	10/0
BELHAVEN	43/0	44/0
BELLWAY	240/0	240/0
BENROSE	220/0	218/0
BENLOX HD	53/0	52/0
BENTALLS	193/0	194/0
BIAN NINT	192/0	193/0
BIRNOL OL	416/0	416/0
BK OF SCO	390/0	389/0

## World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
FT 30 ORD	1051.1	1514.7	1512.8	1373.3
FT 500 SHR	1070.4	1070.4	1070.3	957.6
FT ALL SHR	978.57	978.57	978.32	870.22
FT GOV SEC	88.23	88.23	88.35	88.49
FT GOLD NR	196.9	196.9	200.0	207.2
FT MINES F	527.65	527.65	530.77	517.46
FT OIL	184.64	184.64	1852.8	1834.0
FT VLD OLR	127.90	128.23	128.93	126.05
FT VLD STG	111.74	112.29	111.78	109.51
FT VLD LOC	117.72	117.94	118.14	99.08

## London Stock Market Report

U.K. SHARES TRADE LOWER AFTER U.S. RATE HIKE  
LONDON, AUG 9, REUTER - SHARES QUICKLY FELL TO THEIR LOWS ON NEWS THE U.S. FEDERAL RESERVE RAISED ITS DISCOUNT RATE TO 6.5 PCT FROM SIX PCT. DEALERS SAID THE MOVE RAISED SPECULATION OF FURTHER TIGHTENING BY OTHER CENTRAL BANKS, ESPECIALLY AFTER YESTERDAY'S SURPRISE HALF POINT RISE IN U.K. BASE RATES.  
THE FTSE 100 SHARE INDEX DIPPED TO ITS LOW ON THE DAY OF 1,867.4 AT 1357 GMT, REFLECTING THE STRONG SELL-OFF ON WALL STREET AFTER THE DISCOUNT RATE HIKE.  
THE INDEX RECOVERED SLIGHTLY TO BE 7.8 POINTS DOWN AT 1,868.2 BY 1419 GMT REFLECTING A MODEST WALL STREET RALLY. VOLUME DURING THE AFTERNOON WAS MODERATE, DEALERS SAID.  
ANALYSTS SAID THE EQUITY MARKET WERE UNSETTLED BY THE TIGHTENING OF THE DISCOUNT RATE RISE. FEW HAD BELIEVED THAT THE FED WOULD RAISE ITS DISCOUNT RATE IN THE RUN UP TO THE U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN NOVEMBER.  
ONE ANALYST SAID THE DISCOUNT RATE MOVE MIGHT SUGGEST THAT THE U.S. AUTHORITIES ARE MORE CONCERNED ABOUT OVERHEATING AND INFLATION PRESSURES IN THE U.S. ECONOMY THAN PREVIOUSLY THOUGHT. SHARES WERE ALREADY DEPRESSED BEFORE THE U.S. INTEREST RATE HIKES, CRIPPING AFTER YESTERDAY'S BASE RATE RISE AND OVERNIGHT DECLINES ON WALL STREET AND IN TOKYO. NERVOUSNESS AHEAD OF NEXT WEEK'S U.K. ECONOMIC INDICATORS ALSO WEIGHED ON THE MARKET.

## London Gold

LONDON, AUG 9, REUTER - GOLD BULLION CLOSED LOWER AT A FIVE MONTH LOW DUE TO SELLING PRESSURE SPARKED OFF BY THE DOLLAR'S REVENED STRENGTH AGAINST STERLING, AND FOLLOWING EARLIER MIDDLE EAST SELLING, DEALERS SAID.  
GOLD CLOSED AT 425.00/425.50 OUNCE, BELOW YESTERDAY'S CLOSING LEVEL OF 432.25/432.75 AND TODAY'S AFTERNOON FIX OF 425.80.  
THIS AFTERNOON'S SURPRISE MOVE BY THE U.S. FEDERAL RESERVE TO RAISE THE DISCOUNT RATE TO 6.5 PCT FROM 6.0 PCT PROMPTED THE DOLLAR'S RISE AND LED TO FUND SELLING OF NEW YORK GOLD FUTURES WHICH PRESSURED OTHER GOLD MARKETS, DEALERS ADDED.

## London Money Market

LONDON, AUG 9, REUTER - MONEY MARKET INTEREST RATES WERE 1/8 POINT FIRMER IN LATE TRADING AFTER THE U.S. FEDERAL RESERVE UNEXPECTEDLY RAISED ITS DISCOUNT RATE 1/2 POINT TO 6-1/2 PCT.  
STERLING COLLAPSED SHARPLY AGAINST THE DOLLAR WHICH SURGED ON THE NEWS BUT STILL STOOD FIRMER ON THE DAY AGAINST THE MARK.  
THERE WAS INTENSE SPECULATION IN THE MARKET THAT FOLLOWING YESTERDAY'S HALF POINT RISE IN U.K. BASE RATES TO 11 PCT, TODAY'S U.S. MOVE FORMS PART OF A COORDINATED INTERNATIONAL RISE.  
BUT, ECONOMIST AT WARBURG SECURITIES IAN HARWOOD SAID, "I DON'T THINK IT'S COORDINATED -- IT'S A COINCIDENCE OF INTERESTS, BUT WE'LL HAVE TO KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THE GERMANS AND JAPANESE."

## Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	FIX
DLR	1.7055/65	1.8955/60	6.3920/50	
STG	1.7060/70	3.2325/60	10.9000/9135	
DMK	1.8915/95	3.227/61	29.575/735	
FFR	6.391/403	10.8950/9130	336.93/7.57	
SFR	1.5840-5850	2.7023-7056	83.54-63	24.77-79
HFL	2.1405	3.6510	112.87	33.45
ECU	1.10109	.645423	2.088701	7.03928
SDR	1.28838	0.762897	8.26048	
YEN	133.65/75	228.00/32		
SDR RATES	08/08/88	OTHERS	09/08/1988	

BLCK LE 2	16/4	16/4
BINNEY +F	38/0	38/0
BOASE MAS	253/0	254/0
BODDINGTON	170/0	170/0
BOOBY SHOP	628/0	620/0
BOOKER	399/0	400/0
BOOT, HENR	389/0	388/0
BORTHWICK	66/0	66/0
BOWATER	418/0	418/0
BR DREGDI	149/0	148/0
BR VITA	239/0	239/0
BRAMMER	251/0	251/0
BRENT CHE	164/0	163/0
BRENT WCR	403/0	403/0
BRITANNIC	360/0	359/0
BRIXTON E	334/0	334/0
BULMER HP	170/0	168/0
CALOR GRP	404/0	405/0
CANB ELEC	258/0	258/0
CANB SEC	56/0	56/0
CANFORD E	182/0	181/0
CAMPING W	232/0	232/0
CANNON ST	325/0	326/0
CAP GRP	303/0	303/0
CAP RADIO	297/0	297/0
CARLON EN	164/0	163/0
CARLESS C	116/0	117/0
CARLTON C	760/0	758/0
CASE GRP	126/4	126/0
CATER ALL	358/0	360/0
CAULDON	12/4	12/4
CHAM PNPP	152/0	152/0
CHARTERVA	25/2	25/4
CHAS CHUR	112/0	112/0
CHLODIE	38/0	38/0
CHRISTIES	558/0	558/0
CI GROUP	48/0	49/0
CLYDE PET	128/0	129/0
CLYDE SEC	40/0	40/0
CNTRY DIL	182/0	184/0
COATES BR	327/0	328/0
COLLIERS A	508/0	508/0
COLLINS W	583/0	583/0
COLORCOL	195/0	194/0
CONNELLS	313/0	313/0
COSTAIN	320/0	318/0
COSTERS FR	408/0	410/0
COVIE (T)	131/0	131/0
CREST NIC	218/0	218/0
CRI	135/0	135/0
CRODA INT	234/0	233/0
CRYSTAL	161/0	161/0
DARES EST	36/4	37/0
DAMSON I	234/0	233/0
DE LA RUE	470/0	470/0
DELTA GRP	311/4	311/0
DEVLISH	344/0	345/0
DEVLISH	238/0	239/0
DEVLISH	238/0	239/0
DRAYTON C	457/0	456/0
ORG	473/0	473/0
DUMFRIE LD	293/0	293/0
DUNHILL	209/0	210/0
EAGLE TST	15/2	15/2
EDIN I.T.	154/0	153/0
ELECTRA	208/0	207/0
ELECTROCOM	214/0	215/0
ELLIS EVA	195/0	195/0
ELLIS GOL	144/0	144/0
ENAP	218/0	217/0
EMPIRE ST	262/0	261/0
ERA GROUP	90/0	90/0
ETAN	249/0	248/0
EURO W RG	22/6	22/4
EURO HOME	324/0	323/0
EUROTHORN	388/0	387/0
EUROTHR	331/0	329/0
EVROTHR	184/0	185/0
EXPANET	203/0	203/0
FAC EURO	213/0	213/0
FAC PACIF	137/0	136/0
FAC SKILLR	73/0	73/0
FARNELL E	175/0	176/0
FED. HOUSN	295/0	295/0
FENNER JH	167/0	167/0
FERGUSON	273/0	273/0
FITTON LOR	284/0	283/0
FLING AMER	122/0	121/0
FLING CLAV	254/0	255/0
FLING FEA	186/0	183/0
FLING JAPN	210/0	208/0
FLING MRC	181/4	181/0
FLING OSEA	199/0	198/0
FLING TECH	185/0	184/0
FLING UNIV	144/0	144/0
FOSSIE HI	271/0	271/0
FR GROUP	241/0	241/0
FRESHBANK	140/0	140/0
FST LEISR	162/0	161/0
FST NAT	238/0	237/0
FST SCOT	394/0	390/0
FUR & COL	108/0	107/0
GARDNER	57/0	57/0
GEEST	273/0	273/0
GEI INTL	143/0	143/0
GESTETNER	232/0	230/0
GOAL PET	121/0	121/0
GRP	54/0	55/0
GRAPPH HD	282/0	281/0
GREEN KMG	475/0	472/0
GREYCOAT	242/0	242/0
GRUP TV A	44/0	47/0
GT. PYLND	370/0	370/0
GUS ORD	680/0	700/0
GVT ORIE	242/0	242/0
GVT STRA	242/0	242/0
H/LND DIS	120/0	120/0
HALL (N)	154/0	155/0
HALMA	181/0	181/0
HAMBROS I	221/0	221/0
HANMERSON	661/0	660/0

## Morgan Stanley Capital International Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
AUSTRALIA	325.6	325.0	322.6	278.4
AUSTRIA	220.9	220.2	220.1	203.8
BELGIUM	383.5	383.0	381.5	368.2
CANADA	362.8	363.1	363.5	375.1
DENMARK	434.4	438.5	438.6	436.4
FRANCE	369.4	370.2	371.0	370.3
GERMANY	187.1	185.7	184.1	176.9
HONG KONG	1958.3	1962.9	1961.9	1823.7
FINLAND	126.9	126.4	126.2	123.5
ITALY	420.0	422.1	422.7	404.7
JAPAN	1313.3	1314.2	1317.1	1269.9
NETHERLANDS	275.8	272.0	271.5	253.4
NEW ZEAL	99.9	100.5	101.0	96.1
NORWAY	503.7	504.1	503.7	498.9
SPAIN	670.1	665.3	662.9	633.7
SWITZ	267.7	266.1	265.1	268.6
SWEDEN	955.5	964.0	965.8	917.0
U.K.	164.3	163.8	161.8	157.4
U.S.A.	566.9	566.6	565.0	526.3
WORLD	248.5	249.5	250.3	251.9
E.A.F.E.	451.5	452.6	454.5	446.8
	849.2	850.7	854.8	829.3

## NEW YORK

NAME	OPEN	MID-DAV
A BSCN COM	30/0	30/1
ATLANTIC R	82/3	82/4
AAR CORP	25/3	25/2
ABBOTT LAB	45/7	45/5
ACME CLVD	10/4	10/3
ADV MICRO	12/6	12/5
AEROPOL LAB	8/2	8/4
AETNA LIFE	48/0	47/6
ANNAMON	16/1	16/0
AIR PR-CHN	44/6	44/5
ALASKA AIR	18/2	18/2
ALBERTSONS	31/6	31/5
ALUMA 8-16	0/0	0/8
ALCAN ALUM	30/1	30/1
ALCO STAND	26/0	26/0
AM CYNARD	50/0	49/5
AM ELET PW	27/2	27/1
AM HOM PRO	76/0	76/5
AM HOM PRO	76/0	76/5
AM STANDARD	0/7	0/7
AM STORES	49/7	49/7
AM TEL-TEL	26/3	26/3
AMOCO CORP	76/1	76/1
AMP INC	44/7	44/7
AMPC PITT	0	13/0
AMR CORP	45/4	45/4
AMR GEN CO	32/3	32/3
ANERHEDA	27/3	27/3
ANDRSEN ELE	12/5	12/5
APACHE CP	8/0	8/0
APACHE PET	36/2	36/2
ARMSTRONG	36/2	36/2
ASHLAND OIL	36/2	36/2
ASIA PACIFIC	6/6	6/6
ATLS CORP	34/6	35/5
AVERT INTL	22/4	22/4
AWNET INC	22/0	22/0
BACARDI PRODS	34/7	34/7
BECE INC	30/4	30/4
BELL SOUTH	41/4	41/4
BELO CP A	27/7	27/7
BEEL STEEL	24/3	24/3
BEVERLY	6/3	6/3
BNK BOSTON	29/5	29/5
BNK BOSTN-A	0	46/0
BNK NY-YORK	35/0	35/0
BNK TR-NY	39/0	39/0
BKAMERICA	14/7	14/7
BKMAN SPEC	6/4	6/4
BOEING CO	61/0	60/0
BOISE CASE	43/3	43/3
BOND INC IN	10/6	10/6
BORDEN	52/2	52/2
BOMATER	29/7	29/7
BR TELECOM	41/3	41/3
BRIGGS-SIR	31/5	31/5
BRIGHT-RIVER	42/1	42/1
BRUNSWICK	22/0	22/0
BURNST CP	22	22
C 3 INC	13/0	13/0
CANCOR CORP	0	36/0
CAESARS WY	28/5	28/5
CA FREIGHT	20/6	20/6
CAS NAT GS	0	14/0
CAS-COOKIE	26/2	26/2
CATERPI TR	63/0	62/0
CBSI INTD	30/0	30/0
CBS	162/2	162/2
CENTEL CP	43/3	43/3
CHAMP INTL	34/7	34/7
CHAMP SPA	12/4	12/4
CHAS HART	3/7	3/7
CHAS MAN CO	30/1	30/1
CHASE MAR	3/7	3/7
CHICAGO	32/3	32/3
CHICENIC	33/3	33/3
CHICKENSON	47/2	47/2
CHRYSLEER	23/5	23/5
CHUBB-CORP	55/0	55/0
CHRYSLER	6/3	6/3
CIGNA CORP	48/4	48/4
CINC MILCAR	26/3	26/3
CINC CIT ST	34/4	34/4
CINCIRLE K	15/5	15/5
CLEARC EMT	34/3	34/3
CLOROX	29/7	29/7
COMPELL RES	1/2	1/2
COMPELL SP	26/6	27/7
COMPTON INC	18/3	18/3
CONAGRA	11/6	11/6
CONASTAL	33/3	33/3
COCA-COLA	38/2	38/2
COLECO	2/0	2/0
COLEMAN CO	38/2	38/2
COLO-PALMIN	43/1	43/1
COLUMBUS	33/1	33/1
CON EDISON	29/4	29/4
CONAGRA	31/4	31/4
CON EDISON	44/5	44/5
CONTINENTAL	40/1	40/0
CONTIL ILLN	003	003
CONTEL CP	34/7	35/5
CONTEL DATA	23/2	23/2
COOPER T-R	39/1	39/1
COOPER CON	10/0	10/0
COOPERING CL	29/4	29/4
COOKING	30/6	30/6
CORAT RES	81/2	80/0
CORNETT	6/3	6/3
DATA GEN	18/2	18/2
DATAPOINT	4/6	4/6
DAYTON HJ	35/1	35/1
DEERE	102/6	102/6
DEERE-CO	44/7	45/5
DELTA AIR	48/6	49/1
DIAMOND SN	15/3	15/3
DIERBORD	67/4	67/4
DINWIDIE V	65/4	65/4
DORSEY CORP	85/0	87/0
DOW CHEM CO	35/6	35/6
DOW JONES	29/4	29/4
DRESSER INC	26/0	26/0
DRESSER	44/2	44/2
DUNN POWER	48/7	48/7
DUPONT	85/2	85/2
DYNALCO	15/4	15/4
DYNAMICS	23/2	23/2
SYSTEMS	0	28/0
EASTERN C	30/6	30/6
PACIFIC STEEL	24/3	24/3
PERMSON ELE	29/2	29/2
PERMSON RA	3/4	3/4
PHYL CO	21/6	21/6
AM DOL ST	46/2	46/2
ED NAT MO	14/2	14/2
ELECTROCRST	49/6	49/6
INC IN COR-AM	22/6	22/6
IN COR-AM	12	12
LEETWOOD	22/6	22/6
MCCORP	36/3	36/3
MOTOR MOTOR	53/1	53/1
TRD HOMAR	52/2	53/3
OSBORNO CO	30/5	30/5
ORCHOLD INC	10/4	10/4



International Bond Highlights

London—Electricite de France is issuing a 200 mln dir Eurobond due Sept 29, 1995 paying 9-1/2 pct and priced at 101-5/8 pct, lead manager J.P. Morgan Securities said. The amount was increased from an initial 150 mln dir due to good demand, it said. (RTZN 1035)

London—Olympia and York First Canadian Place Ltd, a unit of Olympia and York Ltd, is issuing at 150 mln Canadian dir Eurobond due Nov 4, 1993 paying 11 pct and priced at 101-1/4 pct, lead manager Merrill Lynch Capital Markets said. (RTYX 0915)

Paris—France's Bati Banque said it is issuing 200 mln dir of subordinated perpetual capital notes. The notes were privately placed on the international market. (RTYI 0724)

London—Toyota Motor Credit Corp, a unit of Toyota Motor Corp, is issuing a 75 mln Australian dir Eurobond due Sept 12, 1991 paying 13 pct and priced at 101-5/8 pct, lead manager Hambros Bank Ltd said. (RTTC 1118)

London—Commonwealth Bank of Australia is issuing a 60 mln New Zealand dir Eurobond due Sept 12, 1991, paying 14 pct and priced at 101-7/8 pct, sole lead manager Hambros Bank Ltd said. (RTZC 0945)

Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDH 11 10-3/4	10-15/16 13/16	11-1/8 11
FF 4.90/5.00	5.05/5.15	5.20/5.30
PAR 6-7/8 7	7-1/16 3/16	7-5/16 7/16
ZUR 1-5/8 1-7/8	3-1/8 3-3/4	3-5/8 3-7/8
BRX 5.85	6-11/16 3/4	7-1/8 3-7/8
ROM 10 10-1/2	10-3/4 11-1/4	11 11-1/2
AMS 4-7/8 5.0	5-1/4 5-3/8	5-3/8 5-1/2
TOK 3.7500 8125	UNR	4.0025 1250
ECU 6.75 7.00	6-13/16 15/16	7-1/8 1/4

Interest Rates

FOLLOWING are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	6-1/8	6-1/2
3 months	6-1/8	6-1/2
6 months	6-3/16	6-1/2
1 year	6-3/16	6-9/16

BOMBAY

PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	57.50	56.50	57.50	580	580	585
ACC	248	245.50	245	46.50	47	46.50	84	84	83
ADIA PAINT	160	158.75	160	107	106.50	107	500	495	485
BAJAJ AUTO	265	262.50	270	137	135	136.50	26	25.75	26
BAR. RAYON	230	235	232.50	69.25	69.25	69	31	29.50	30.50
BOM. DYING	115.50	112	113	92	91	92	61	58	59
BR. BOND	86.50	86	85	88.75	88.75	86.25	32.75	32.50	32
BSE INDEX	600.98	600.41	IND ORG	25.87	25	25	50	49	50
CENTURYSPG	892.50	885	882.50	24	23.50	24.50	200.50	200.50	203.50
COLGATE	222.50	221.75	221.75	167	152.50	157.50	50.25	49.65	49.25
DEEPAKFERT	39.75	39.75	38.50	42	42	43	250	250	245
ET. HOTEL	49.75	48	49	67.25	65	66	252.50	250	252.50
ESKATYF	121.25	123.75	121.25	113.50	114	113.50	74.75	73.50	75.50
ESSAR	18.75	18	18.50	57	58	57	700	695	692.50
GAR. POLY	79	77.50	77.50	10.50	10.10	10.30	817.50	812.50	811.25
GE. SHIP	28.50	28.50	28.12	48.50	48	48	322.50	320	325

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE
AEG	202.3
ALLIANZ VR	0
BADENWERK	0
BASF	0
BAYER	299.0
BAYER NYP	0
BAYER VER	0
BIC	0
BIF	0
BOM	497.0
COMMERZBANK	230.0
CONTI GUM	261.0
DAJNER BEN	672.0
DEUTSC BANK	0
OLV	0
DRESNER B	0
OT BARCOCK	0
FAZ INDEX	492.01
FELDMUEHLE	0
GOLDSCHEIM	0
HARPER	0
HOECHST AG	0
HOESCH	0
HORTEN	0
HUSSEL HLD	0
KALL SALZ	0
KARSTADT	0
KAUFRHO	356.0
KLOECK H	0
KLOECK W	0
LINDE	698.0
LUFTHANSA	0
NAN	0
MANNESMAN	0
MERCEDES	534.0
METALLGES	0
NTDOOR PF	0
NORSK NYD	0
PHILIP KCH	0
PORSCHE	0
PREUSSAG	0
PIA	0
RUEHMETAL	294.0
RUE	0
RUE P	0
SALAMANDER	0
SCHERING	0
SEL	0
SIEMENS	443.0
THYSEN	0
VARTA	0
VEBA	0
VEW	0
VOLKSWAGEN	250.0

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE
C N TUNNEL	15.20
CINELUX K	7.55
CINIMA GAS	16.60
CINIMA L-P	16.90
CINIMA M	22.10
COSMO PROP	4.00
EVERGO IND	3.50
FAIR EAST C	81
GEN ORIENT	0
H C DEVELOP	9.55
H S INDEX	634.04
HANG LUNG	5.15
HANG SENG	30.75
HAW PAR BR	0
HK ELEC CO	7.30
HK KOWLOON	8.20
HK LAND CO	8.40
HK SHAN BK	6.20
HK SHAN HT	4.95
HK TELE CO	5.60
HUTCH WHAM	9.15
IND EO PAC	12.50
JARDINE H	13.50
KOALCOON H	9.35
NEW WORLD	11.30
PAUL Y CON	2.63
REALITY DEV	7.25
S H K CO	2.13
S H K PROP	10.70
SINE HARRY	2.03
STELUX HFC	2.85
SHUI KONG	18.70
T B CO	12.70
TAI CHEUNG	3.80
UNION BANK	1.65
WOCK HAD	0
WOCK HART	0
WORLD INTL	3.88

TOKYO

STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE
AKAI ELECT	2940
AKAI GLS	620
ASAHI OPT	1920
ASAHI OPT	695
BANK TOKYO	1590
BRIDGESTON	1350
CANON	1280
CASIO COMP	1280
CHUGAI PHM	1620
CITIZEN W	829
D-ICHI KAN	3080
DAI NIPPON	821
DAI NIPPON	2500
DAI NIPPON	1100
DAI NIPPON	625
DAI NIPPON	895
DAI NIPPON	2040
DAI NIPPON	2450
DAI NIPPON	980
DAI NIPPON	2070
DAI NIPPON	1820
DAI NIPPON	3200
DAI NIPPON	3760
DAI NIPPON	1030
DAI NIPPON	725
DAI NIPPON	1950
DAI NIPPON	2270
DAI NIPPON	2320
DAI NIPPON	4350
DAI NIPPON	1110
DAI NIPPON	14900
DAI NIPPON	649
DAI NIPPON	1450
DAI NIPPON	3090
DAI NIPPON	1780
DAI NIPPON	705
DAI NIPPON	757
DAI NIPPON	1990
DAI NIPPON	778
DAI NIPPON	720
DAI NIPPON	5900
DAI NIPPON	1700
DAI NIPPON	3110
DAI NIPPON	2840
DAI NIPPON	0
DAI NIPPON	921

Tokyo Stock Market Report

TOKYO STOCKS FINISH LOWER IN LISTLESS TRADE. TOKYO, AUG 9, REUTER - SHARE PRICES CLOSED DOWN, BUT OFF THEIR LOSS, WITH NO MAJOR BUYING INCENTIVES TO JOLT A MARKET CAUGHT UP IN LISTLESS SUMMER HOLIDAY TRADE, BROKERS SAID.

INVESTORS WERE MORE INTERESTED IN THE ONGOING NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TOURNAMENT THAN THE MARKET, DEALERS SAID. IT'S JUST DEAD," SAID JOAN ANWAY, A BROKER AT W.I. CARR (COVERSEAS) LTD. "THE MARKET HAS JUST BEEN PLAYING," SHE ADDED.

THE NIKKEI INDEX FELL 82.76 POINTS, OR 0.29 PCT, TO 28,170.36. IT LOST 109.06 POINTS ON MONDAY. FALLS LED RISES BY SEVEN TO FIVE IN DULL TURNOVER OF 650 MLN SHARES AGAINST 600 MLN ON MONDAY.

RETAIL, COMMUNICATIONS, SHIPBUILDING, RUBBER, SERVICE, TEXTILE, WAREHOUSE, CEMENT, BANK AND SOME MANUFACTURING ISSUES LED THE DECLINES.

RAILWAY/BUS, PRECISION INSTRUMENT, AIRLINE, ELECTRICAL, TRADING HOUSE, GLASS/CEMENT, SECURITIES HOUSE, CREDIT/LEASE, SHIPPING AND FOOD STOCKS LED THE GAINS.

THE INDEX HIT A LOW OF 28,126.06 IN THE AFTERNOON AS A MORNING RALLY FADED AFTER BRINGING THE INDEX TO A HIGH OF 28,295.18.

THE RALLY WAS SPURRED BY SOME BUYING OF HIGH TECHNOLOGY AND FINANCIAL ISSUES.

A SURGE IN CANON'S SHARE PRICE BOOSTED BUYING OF OTHER HIGH TECHNOLOGY ISSUES.

CANON CLOSED UP 130 YEN AT THE DAY'S HIGH OF 1,520 ON NEWS OF STRONGER-THAN-EXPECTED FIRST-HALF RESULTS. CURRENT PROFIT SOARED 140 PCT TO 20 BILLION YEN IN THE SIX MONTHS TO JUNE 30 FROM THE SAME PERIOD A YEAR AGO.

NIKON, RICOH, SONY, FANUC AND PIONEER WERE AMONG OTHER HIGH TECH GAINERS.

THERE WAS SOME CONTINUED BUYING INTEREST IN COMPANIES WITH LANDHOLDINGS ON THE TOKYO BAY REDEVELOPMENT AND RESORT CONSTRUCTION THEMES, BROKERS SAID.

**Hong Kong Market Report**

HONG KONG, AUG 9, REUTER - STOCK PRICES CLOSED LOWER BUT ABOVE MID-AFTERNOON LEVELS AFTER FALLS IN TOKYO AND ON CONCERN ABOUT THE PROSPECT OF RISING INTEREST RATES, BROKERS SAID.

THE HANG SENG INDEX FELL 25.06 TO 2,634.04 AND THE HONG KONG INDEX DROPPED 17.52 TO 1,741.04. TURNOVER WAS A LISTLESS 575.17 MLN H.K. DLRS, COMPARED TO YESTERDAY'S 537.09 MLN DLRS.

DEALERS NOTED THAT HONG KONG INTERBANK RATES STRENGTHENED TODAY AND THEY EXPECT LOCAL INTEREST RATES TO BE RAISED 1/2 TO ONE PERCENTAGE POINT THIS WEEKEND.

LOCAL PRIME RATE IS CURRENTLY NINE PCT.

AMMAN

ALADDIN COMPANY	OPNG	CLSG
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.		
ARAB BANK		
ARAB CHEMICAL OTER	3.96	3.95
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.37	1.36
ARAB INSURANCE	0.99	0.94
ARAB INT. INV. TRAD.	0.98	0.98
ARAB INT. UNION INS.	0.94	0.90
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	0.53	0.58
ARAB JOR/INVEST/BK	2.10	2.10
ARAB PAPER COM/IND	0.31	0.30
ARAB PHARMA/MANF.		
ARAB PHARMA/CHEM	0.76	0.75
ARAB POTASH CO.		
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65
BANK OF JORDAN		
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00	0.95
CATRO AMMAN BANK	28.00	28.00
CONFED/CHOCOLATE	1.05	1.25
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS		
ARAB ALDABA OV/INV.		
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.		
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR		
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	3.65	3.55
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.26	1.26
GENERAL MINING	1.31	1.33
HIMMEL MINERALS	0.75	0.75
HOLY LAND INS.	1.25	1.26
IND./MATCH JEMCO	0.62	0.60
INDUSTRIAL DEVLPT BHK		
INDUSTRIAL/COMM/AGR.		
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	0.75
INTERN. COM/INV		
IRBIO ELECTRICITY	0.85	0.84
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64
ITERMED/PETRI/CON		
J. TOUR-SP COMPLEX	0.79	0.80
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	1.29
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET		
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	1.22	1.23
JOR ELEC. INS.	25.01	25.05
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.59	1.59
JOR FINANCE HOUSE		
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	0.95	0.95
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.50	2.30
JOR INDUSTRY CHEN.		
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20
JOR LEASING CORP.	0.60	0.66
JOR LIN BRICK		
JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.50	0.50
JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.47	2.47
JOR PAPER CARDBOG		
JOR PHOSPHATE MINS		
JOR PRINTING/PACK.	2.00	2.15
JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	4.00	4.05
JOR SECURITY CORP.		
JOR SELPHO CHEM.		
JOR WOOD INDUSTRY		
JOR WORSTED MLL		
JOR. KUMAIT AGR	1.00	1.00
JOR. PETROLIUM REF		
JOR. FRENCH INS.		
JOR. INV. FIN. CORP	2.01	2.00
JORDANIAN GULF REAL		
JORDAN DAIY		
JORDAN GULF BANK		
JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94	0.95
JORDAN ISLAMIC BHK	13.85	13.90
JORDAN KUMAIT BANK		
JORDAN TANNING	2.01	2.00
LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.72	0.71
MACH/VEH/RENT/MAIN	0.77	0.77
NAS INDUSTRIES	0.69	0.73
NIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.60	0.40
NIDDEL EAST INS	60.00	60.00
MINERALS RESEARCH	0.60	0.55
NAT. FIN. INVEST CO		
NAT/CABLE/WIRE/MF		
NAT. PORTFOLIO		
NATIONAL STEEL		
ORIENT ORY BATTERY	0.25	0.28
PETRA BAK	1.97	1.97
PETRA JOR. INS.	0.35	0.35
PHILADELPHIA INS.		
RAFIA INDUSTRIAL	0.75	0.75
REAL ESTATE INV.	0.46	0.44
SHIPPING LINES	0.88	0.88
SPINNING WEAVING		
THE HOUSING BANK	1.83	1.85
UNITED INSURANCE		
UNIVERSAL CHEM. IND	1.51	1.47
UNIVERSAL INS.	1.00	0.90
WOOLLEN INDUSTRIES	0.71	0.70
YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.08	1.05

PHILIPPINES MAKATI

STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	BC-A	73.00	72.50
AC-A	9.40	9.50	9.40	LC-A	.48	.49
AMS	2.75	2.80	2.75	LC-B	.50	.51
FER-A	2.70	2.90		PK-A	.36	.37
GLO	34.00	34.50	34.00	PK-B	.37	.38
PLST	232.00	233.00	230.00	OIL SECTOR		
PKST-A	2.26	2.28	2.28	BP-A	.019	.02
SMC-A	149.00	150.00	146.00	BP-B	.019	.02
SMC-B	240.00		238.00	LC-A	.0034	.0036
NINING SECTOR				LC-B	.0036	.0038
APX-A	.039	.039		OPM-A	.036	.037
APX-B	.039	.04		OPM-B	.036	.038
AT-A	19.75	20.00	19.75	OPV-A	.035	.036
				OPV-B	.035	.037

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OFFICIAL INFORMATION	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
SECTOR	272,140	16,100,135	116.81	3.91 UP
COM. IND.	34,017,100	4,071,350	4,733.57	35.38 DN
NINING	270,850,000	4,523,550	5.935	0.086 UP
OIL	305,139,240	24,695,035	821.94	3.53 UP

PHILIPPINES MANILA

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR							
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN				
SMC-A	149.00	150.00	146.00	BC-A	72.00	73.00	72.50
SMC-B	240.00	241.00	235.00	LC-B	.48	.49	.49
SP-TIRE	36.00	36.50	36.00	LC-B	.50	.51	.50
PLDT	232.00	233.00	230.00	21P	.01	.011	.011
ANSCOR-A	2.75	2.80	2.80	OIL SECTOR			
AC-A	9.40	9.50	9.30	STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN
GLO	34.00	34.50	33.50	BP-A	.018	.019	.018
FER-A	2.80	2.85	2.80	BP-B	.019	.02	.019
FER-B	2.90	3.10	3.00	LRC-A	.0036	.0038	.0036
MINING SECTOR				LRC-B	.0036	.0038	.0036
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	GPM-A	.036	.037	.035
APX-A	.037	.038	.039	GPM-B	.037	.038	.035
QV-B	.039	.039	.039	OV-B	.034	.035	.035
AT-A	19.50	19.75	19.50	OV-B	.035	.036	.035
AT-B	22.50	24.00	21.75	TA	.023	.024	.023



## BUSINESS

## Gold prices drop

## Dollar jumps on Fed rate rise

LONDON, Aug. 9. (Reuters): The dollar jumped again today extending a powerful summer rally after a surprise half point rise to 6.5 per cent in the key US discount rate.

The dollar gained almost two pennings within 45 minutes of the interest rate rise by the Federal Reserve Board (central bank), surging to a quoted high of 1.9170 West German marks — its strongest since early January 1987.

Relatively high US interest rates have been attracting funds to dollar assets all summer. The Americans are keeping interest rates up to pinch consumer spending and dampen a risk of inflation in their booming economy, but Fed's discount move was not expected in the money markets.

**Increase**  
"The discount rate increase was a total surprise. It seems a perverse move in the light of Monday's heavy Bundesbank and Federal Reserve intervention to push the dollar down," a dealer for a large West German savings bank said.

Both the West German and US central banks had sold

dollars on Monday, trying to brake its ascent. A stronger dollar threatens inflation in Europe, as import prices rise, and could hamper efforts to narrow the huge US trade deficit.

The dollar had been trading around 1.8950 West German marks in subdued business today just before the US central bank acted. Then it surged to the 19-month high of 1.9170 marks.

Shares on Wall Street fell after the interest rate rise. The Dow Jones industrial average was off 24 points at 2,083 in the New York morning. Costlier money pinches consumer spending and raises industry's investment costs, crimping profits.

European dealers said the hike pointed to an even higher dollar.

**Drive**  
"This will definitely drive the dollar higher. We'll see 1.92 to 1.93 (marks) within the next 24 hours," said Ezra Zask, European foreign exchange manager at manufacturers Hanover Trust Co. in London.

The discount rate increase was the first change in the Fed's key lending rate since it was raised half a point to six per cent on

September 4, 1987.

Dealers said they were shocked that the discount rate had been increased ahead of next week's Republican Party convention.

"They have done it at a time when it will have quite an effect. We'll see the dollar moving a lot higher in the next few days," said Tony Palmer, a corporate dealer at Fuji Bank in London.

**Move**  
The Fed said the move reflected "the intent of the Federal Reserve to reduce inflationary pressures."

Gold bullion was fixed at a five-month low of \$425.80 an ounce in London, sapped by the strength of the dollar.

Until the discount rate rise share markets had been subdued.

Tokyo dealers said participants in the market there, the world's biggest, were chiefly interested in the National High School Baseball Tournament.

"It's just dead," said Joan Anway, a broker at W. I. Carr (Overseas). "The market has just been playing," she added.

The Nikkei index fell 82.76 points to 28,170.36.

The dollar was also strong against yen, hitting 134.95 yen compared with a close of 133.82 on Monday.

Sterling was in demand earlier after a rise in British interest rates to 11 per cent on Monday. In late business it was quoted at \$1.6853 compared with a peak for the day of 1.7080 and Monday's close of 1.6960.

Oil prices were firm as traders continued to take the view that an end of hostilities between OPEC founder members Iraq and Iran may strengthen the organisation in its efforts to curb production and erase surpluses from the market.

Typical North Sea Brent blend crude oil traded as high as \$15.30 a barrel in Asia before easing by about 15 cents in Europe. The price was below \$15 late last week.

In London, shares quickly fell to their lows on news the US Federal Reserve raised its discount rate to 6.5 per cent from six per cent. Dealers said the move raised speculation of further tightening by other central banks, especially after yesterday's surprise half point rise in

UK base rates.

The FTSE 100 share index dipped to its low on the day of 1,867.4 at 1357 GMT, reflecting a strong sell-off on Wall Street after the discount rate news.

The index recovered slightly to be 7.8 points down at 1,868.2 by 1419 GMT reflecting a modest Wall Street rally. Volume during the afternoon was moderate, dealers said.

**Rise**  
Analysts said the equity market here was unsettled by the timing of the discount rate rise. Few had believed that the Fed would raise its discount rate in the run up to the US presidential elections in November.

One analyst said the discount rate move might suggest that the US authorities are more concerned about overheating and inflation pressures in the US economy than previously thought.

Shares were already depressed before the US interest rate news, drifting after yesterday's base rate rise and overnight declines on Wall Street and in Tokyo. Nervousness ahead of next week's UK economic indicators also weighed on the market.

## Oil prices jump on truce reports but traders remain cautious

TOKYO, Aug. 9. (Reuters): Crude oil prices surged after news of a ceasefire date in the Gulf war but many traders remain wary about the longer-term outlook. Far East oil experts said today.

Prices were marked up around 50 cents a barrel by traders who expect a truce will improve co-operation between members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

Many remained cautious, uncertain of the potential of Iran and Iraq to increase exports when hostilities cease.

UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said a ceasefire would begin on August 20 and the two sides would hold peace talks in Geneva on August 25.

Britain's key Brent blend oil jumped to around \$15.50 from just below \$15 at the end of US trading on Friday. The Middle East benchmark, Dubai crude, rose to \$13.85 from around \$13.40.

**Constructive**

The market is taking the ceasefire as a constructive factor for OPEC, one trader said. "But the logic is bullish because Iran and Iraq will boost oil production in the long term."

Experts are uncertain how soon and how much production could increase.

Iran's potential is likely to be drastically below its six million barrels per day (bpd) before the 1979 revolution because of poor maintenance of wells, they said.

A Reuters survey estimated Iran pumped 2.3 bpd in July, within its 2.369 million OPEC production quota. The sources said it probably could boost output only by around 300,000 bpd in the short- to medium-term.

Iraq, which does not accept an OPEC quota because it is lower than Iran's pumped 2.65 million bpd in July.

## France's Elf begins drilling for oil

PARIS, Aug. 9. (Reuters): An oil company began exploratory drilling today in a suburb of Paris, a search that may lead to wells being sunk in the centre of France's capital.

Some 60 men in hard-hats and red overalls began work under a disused power station at Ivry near Orly airport at dawn.

The oil company, Elf Aquitaine, said it had carried out seismic tests and results suggested there might be enough oil to justify drilling.

An Elf spokesman said it would take three weeks to drill down 2,000 metres (6,500 feet) dodging a labyrinth of tunnels.

**Hope**

"Of course we hope to find oil," Jean-Claude Vidal said. "I can't say now if we'll be drilling under the Place de la Concorde. It's the first test for the Paris region, but if necessary... we could be drilling under buildings of major importance."

Elf said the seismic tests were carried out "in a particularly delicate environment because it is very urbanised and includes... numerous underground workings like pipe canals, metro lines and quarries."

Louis Prudhomme, Elf exploration director, said the Ivry well will cost about 10 million francs (\$1.7 million).

If oil was found, Elf estimated production of about two million tonnes enough for the city of Paris for a year.

## ECU bills 'no substitute for EMS'

LONDON, August 9: The European Commission yesterday warmly welcomed proposals by Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, to issue short-term Treasury bills denominated in European Currency Units, according to a London daily.

But it warned the move would not be accepted as a substitute for Britain's participation in the European Monetary System's exchange rate mechanism.

The Commission said the initiative had been inspired by a desire to increase the role of the City in the burgeoning ECU market, and endorsed Lawson's claim that the short-term ECU bill would place Britain at its centre.

**Equity**  
"It will be the first internationally traded short-term equity denominated in ECUs," a spokesman said. Previously, only Italy has issued Treasury bills denominated in ECU, but their use is restricted to domestic residents.

The Commission has repeatedly expressed its regret of the absence of such Treasury bills, which it says have inhibited the development of an active and liquid ECU money market.

The new ECU Treasury bills are expected to overcome this

## Ten largest ecu bond issuers

Issuer	Value of bonds issued (millions of ecus)
European Investment Bank	2,880
European Economic Community	1,505
Republic of Italy	1,120
World Bank	1,110
Kingdom of Denmark	1,050
Credit Foncier de France	760
Eurofima	678
Credit National	650
Republic of Ireland	590
Banque Française du Commerce Extérieur	550

Source: Euromoney Bondware

shortcoming and should also create an investment outlet for holders of ECU assets, thereby enhancing the ECU's role as an international reserve and intervention currency.

The launch of the Treasury bill, described by Lawson as a concrete and practical step towards increased European

monetary co-operation, comes barely a week after Mrs Thatcher dismissed an "airy-fairy" calls by Jacques Delors, the President of the European Commission, for much greater economic monetary co-operation.

The Commission insisted the initiative was not to be seen as a substitute for Britain's participa-

tion in the European exchange rate mechanism, and would only become fully significant when Britain finally agreed to do so.

A committee established to explore the issue of European and economic co-operation, is expected to recommend that sterling participates in the exchange rate mechanism when it reports in April.

The government's initiative to issue ECU denominated Treasury bills was welcomed in the City and seen as going some way to meet criticism from elsewhere in Europe.

Peter Spencer of Credit Suisse First Boston said: "The ECU Treasury bills will increase the options open to the Chancellor when he wants to intervene in the foreign exchange market."

"Britain is trying to meet criticism by the French that the participation of sterling in the ECU, but not in the exchange rate mechanism of the EMS, increases exchange rate volatility and limits the use of the ECU in the private sector."

National Westminster said it could give the ECU market in London a fillip. "Having acted as a participant in the ECU market for a number of years we welcome anything which helps to expand it."

## Big US banks likely to meet capital rules

NEW YORK, Aug. 9: Large US banks should easily be able to meet the Federal Reserve Board's new minimum capital guidelines, bank analysts said.

Some Fed staffers had estimated on Wednesday, when the guidelines were announced, that major banks would have to increase their capital by a total of \$11 billion to \$15 billion by the end of 1992. There had been some concern in recent weeks about the capital guidelines and the ability of the big banks to meet them, according to Wall Street Journal.

However, the US's 10 largest banks added \$4.9 billion to their equity in the past 12 months, and retained earnings alone should generate \$23.8 billion for those banks by the end of 1992, according to a study by Goldman, Sachs & Co.

Moreover, big banks won important concessions in the Fed's final guidelines, analysts said. They cited the inclusion of preferred stock for up to 25 per

cent of the core capital of bank holding companies, and a reduction in the capital weighting required for mortgages granted by banks. So-called core capital is made up of retained earnings, common equity and eligible preferred stock.

**Guidelines**  
The Fed, in announcing the guidelines, is fulfilling an accord adopted July 11 by the US and 11 other industrialised nations. It has said that by the end of 1992, banks and bank holding companies should have total capital equal to 8 per cent of assets, and half that total should be core capital. Analysts generally regard core capital as the bigger challenge for banks. The other half of the required capital can include, among other things, subordinated debt, a certain amount of loan-loss reserves and other preferred stock.

Most smaller banks and super-regional banks already meet the new requirement or are expected to have little difficulty doing so.

The current total capital requirement is 6 per cent.

"The Fed made some very attractive concessions to the money-centre banks, but the banks will still have to deduct good will (from their capital), which is a restriction on future acquisitions until capital levels are well above the minimum," said Robert Albertson, bank analyst at Goldman Sachs. "But the banks definitely got the two biggest favours and they wanted (preferred stock and mortgage risk-weighting)."

"The package was good for the banks. There were some pleasant surprises," said George Salem, an analyst at Prudential Bache Securities Inc. He pointed out that the banks can keep the good will they already have on their books. But he cautioned that an unlikely but possible round of further big loss provisions against shaky loans to developing countries could make it difficult for some big banks to meet these standards.

The Fed concessions are particularly important to banks with large consumer business and with large amounts of preferred stock. Citicorp, for instance, had \$38.6 billion in mortgages at the end of 1987 and, judging from its most recent quarterly results, about \$640 million of preferred stock that would be eligible as core capital.

A spokesman at Chemical Banking Corp. said: "We're pleased at the inclusion of preferred stock. Our calculations show that even after our merger with Horizon Bancorp. (closed for January), our (core) capital should be in excess of 5 per cent" of assets.

J.P. Morgan & Co. and Bankers Trust New York Corp. are among the best capitalised large US banks and already have capital ratios well above the Fed's 4 per cent minimum requirement for core capital.

Therefore, they weren't included in Goldman Sachs's projections of big banks' capital.

## Rayan company to continue under new Egyptian law

CAIRO, Aug. 9. (Reuters): The chairman of Egypt's Al Rayan Islamic Investment Company said today he had reversed a decision to go into liquidation because of new state controls.

"We changed our mind to make our depositors happy, to make ourselves happy, and to make the government happy," Rayan chairman Ahmed Tawfik Abdul Fattah told reporters.

Abdul Fattah was an outspoken critic of a law tightening controls on Islamic investment firms after it was signed by President Hosni Mubarak in June.

**Regulations**  
He said his company could not operate under the new regulations, and threatened liquidation.

But an important appendix to the law issued on Monday, which clarifies how the law is to be implemented, addressed Rayan's most important concerns, Abdul Fattah said today.

"They are not interfering in the management of the companies, in the projects they choose to

do, or in their relations with customers," he told reporters.

The Islamic firms, eschewing fixed interest payments banned by Islam, instead offer depositors a share of company profits or losses.

Bankers and officials became concerned about the largely unregulated companies when they attracted hundreds of thousands of depositors over a few years by paying returns about seven per cent higher than banks.

**Charges**  
Company officials denied charges that they were hiding losses by paying current accounts from new deposits.

The law forces the private companies to go public, state their financial position, and deposit local and foreign funds in Egyptian banks.

Abdul Fattah said Rayan had about 1.5 billion Egyptian pounds (\$650 million) in deposits. The equivalent of about 50 per cent of that money was in foreign currency, mostly invested abroad, he said.

## IAA senior vice-president dies

SAMIR E. FARES, chairman and executive officer of Amacom International and senior vice-president of the International Advertising Association (IAA), died in Dubai on August 1 at the age of 56.

Fares had been elected in May this year to the post of IAA Senior Vice-President, a newly-created position designated as the world president-elect of the association. He would have acceded to world presidency in June 1990. He was also re-elected in May to a seventh term of vice-president/area director-Middle East/Africa of the IAA.

**Award**  
A dedicated member of the IAA since 1961, Fares was president of the trade and professional organisation's Lebanon Chapter from 1973 to 1974. He was elected to the IAA board of directors in 1974 and to the office of vice president/area director in 1976. In 1982, the association gave him its highest award for a member, the IAA Medal for Merit.

Clay Timon, IAA world president, praised Fares as "a major figure in international marketing and an outstanding leader in the International

Advertising Association."

"He contributed enormously to our association and to our profession, and he was greatly respected and loved by his colleagues. We will all miss him very much," Timon added.

Fares was born in Beirut and took a B.A. in business administration from St. Joseph University in Beirut. He got a training from W.S. Crawford, J. Walter Thompson and Lintas Overseas in London, and with the Washington Evening Post and San Francisco Chronicle.

He served as advertising manager and then as general manager at Dar Al Hayat Publishing House in Beirut. In 1971, he helped in founding the Intermarkets Network in Beirut, then moved — with Intermarkets — to Bahrain, and later Dubai.

Fares founded Lintas Middle East in Dubai and was its managing director. In 1985, he established his own firm, Marketing Communications International, in Dubai.

In January 1988, this merged with Andi-Shigar Advertising Services to become Amacom International, of which Fares was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.

## Iran and Iraq may not be able to boost oil production at once

BAHRAIN, Aug. 9. (Reuters): Iran and Iraq will be tempted to boost oil production to rebuild their economies after eight years of war, but it could be months before extra oil begins to flow.

Gulf-based oil industry analysts said today both sides had wrought such havoc on oil facilities that neither would be able to start pumping extra as soon as a UN-sponsored ceasefire goes into effect on August 20.

"It will take time to repair pipelines, terminals and oilfield machinery," said one oil executive. "Both Iran and Iraq will benefit more from higher prices in the short-term."

Prices rose by up to 60 cents a barrel on Monday as traders took the view that the end of the war could lead to greater cohesion within the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). Today the market gave up 10 cents of the gains.

**Facilities**

Industry sources said it might take a year for Iraq to fix or set up temporary export facilities in the Gulf, which would allow it to sell up to 800,000 barrels per day (BPD) on top of its current 2.6 million BPD output. This would make it OPEC's biggest producer after Saudi Arabia.

Iran will also find it hard to boost crude production in the short-term, since its oilfields, especially offshore, had been largely abandoned during the war due to shortage of manpower and Iraqi air strikes.

Analysts believe Iran will try to make the best use of its Kharg island terminal in the northern Gulf, assuming foreign tankers

will be willing to sail to the head of the waterway.

That would allow Iran to scrap its hugely expensive fleet of shuttle tankers which ran the gauntlet of Iraqi jet raids on the trip to safer southern reaches of the Gulf.

While the temptation to boost oil production and earn hard currency to rebuild will be great, Iran at least has pledged not to exceed its limit set by OPEC.

Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati told reporters after announcement of a ceasefire in New York on Monday: "Our policy is following the rule of OPEC and we believe in strengthening OPEC... we don't want to pump more oil to the market."

Analysts estimated Iran is currently producing at 2.3 million BPD, just below its OPEC quota level of 2.369 mln BPD.

The question is whether peace in the Gulf can lure Iraq back into the OPEC fold and reimpose production discipline after its refusal to be bound by a ceiling.

**Activity**

Analysts expect a flurry of diplomatic activity on the oil front designed to show the world oil markets peace can help OPEC reassert its position and defuse tension among its members.

The war had set Iran not only against Iraq, but against Baghdad's powerful allies Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

At the last two OPEC conferences Iran was pitted against a bloc of Gulf Arab states on quota and price issues, while Iraq has continued to insist to be allowed an output quota the size of Iran's.

Analysts expect OPEC secretary-general Subroto, designated by the organisation's price monitoring committee to visit Tehran and Baghdad in coming weeks, will try to convince Iran not to block Iraq's drive for a higher quota.

The danger period for prices on an already glutted world oil market is expected to be in about a year when — assuming the ceasefire holds — oil facilities are up and running.

Iran and Iraq might want to pay for reconstruction of their economies by bartering oil, but analysts believe that would have just as depressing an impact on prices as selling directly on the world market.

**Access**  
The amounts involved are enormous for two countries whose access to bank loans is expected to be limited.

Some Japanese construction companies, poised to grab a large portion of the contracts, estimate \$25 billion is needed by Iran and eight billion by Iraq just to repair oil and gas facilities. Other industry estimates put the costs higher.

Iraq, with its air superiority in the war, had relentlessly attacked Iran's main oil export terminal at Kharg, but it has been patched up regularly to allow the shuttle to operate.

Iraq also knocked-out Iran's Abadan refinery, the world's biggest with 635,000 BPD capacity, located next to the Shatt Al Arab waterway.

With the loss of Abadan and the damage inflicted to other refineries inland, Iran lost almost 800,000 BPD of 1.3 million BPD of oil products to meet domestic consumption.

## African Reinsurance Corporation announces \$5.6 million profit

LAGOS, Aug. 9. (OPECNA): The African Reinsurance Corporation recorded a net profit of \$5.6 million in 1987, according to a statement issued after its 10th annual meeting in Dakar, Senegal.

The corporation said here on Monday that during the period it recorded a turnover of \$31.6 million which it described as modest.

Expressed in African currencies, the corporation said its performance reflected a 15 per cent to 20 per cent progression, depending on the African sub-region and because of the drop in the value of the African currencies against the dollar.

To strengthen the corporation's financial base, the meeting endorsed a proposal by the board not to distribute dividends but to utilise \$4.6 million of the profit to pay up, on behalf of each shareholder, the uncalled half of subscribed shares.

This will bring the subscribed and fully paid-up shares of the corporation to \$9.46 million, the statement said, adding that the decision had placed the institution "in the ranks of first class reinsurance companies."

According to the criteria adopted by the London market, a credible reinsurance enterprise should have a minimum paid-up capital of \$5 million.

The meeting also decided to constitute a reserve fund of \$13.6 million, to compensate for exchange risks in view of the instability of the dollar, the corporation's unit of account.

Furthermore, the meeting agreed to transfer \$338,404, the balance of the net profit, to the general reserves and to carry forward \$1.38 million as retained profits from previous years, the statement said.

According to the statement, these developments reflected a clear improvement in the financial situation which a few years ago (1982-1983) had been marked by heavy losses in exchange.

The meeting called on member states of the OAU to accede to the agreement establishing the corporation to enable it foster the growth of the African insurance industry, thus discharging its obligation to retain reinsurance premiums within the continent and support Africa's economic development.

It also appealed to African states to stop "exporting" premiums, whose value is about \$1.5 billion per annum, whilst having serious difficulties in financing their priority programme for economic recovery.

The African Reinsurance Corporation, an inter-governmental institution, was created in 1976 with headquarters in Lagos. It has three regional offices in Casablanca (Morocco), Nairobi and Abidjan.

## WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Aug. 9. (Reuters): Strong local and foreign demand for blue-chip stocks boosted the market to a post-crash high. The All Ordinaries index rose 13.4 to 1,657.3.

TOKYO: No strong buying incentives justified a market caught up in listless holiday trade. The Nikkei index fell 82.76 to 28,170.36.

HONG KONG: Prices were lower on fall in Tokyo and concern at the prospect of higher interest rates. The Hang Seng index lost 25.06 to 2,634.04.

SINGAPORE: Market closed for National Day.

BOMBAY: Prices fell further on renewed profit-taking. Dealers said a two-for-five bonus

share decision by Tata Tea Ltd fell below expectations.

**FRANKFURT:** Dealers remained dubious about future interest and exchange rate trend and prices were slightly lower in lacklustre trading. The 60-share Commerzbank index, calculated at mid-session, was down 9.1 to 1,501.3.

ZURICH: Prices were slightly lower in narrow trading after Wall Street's overnight fall and the weaker dollar. The All-Share Swiss index lost 2.3 to 907.5.

PARIS: Shares shed midday gains after the rise in US interest rates and ended easier. The 50-share bourse indicator declined by 0.07 pct.

## SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUWAIKH PORT AS ON 9/8/88			
B.No.	Ships Name	Agent	Tel.
2	Nikolay Morozov	AI Rashid	2422026
3	Ibn Al Nafees	KSA	4843150
5	Tropical Sun	ISA	2441860
7	Kanika 4	GH&Q	4747815
8	Tug Abu Samir	G. Star	4845501
9	Barge Alia	"	"
14	Al Yamamah	KSA	4843150
16	Dresden	Suezmarco	2439973
SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUWAIKH PORT			
ETA	Ships Name	Agent	Tel.
9/8	Rashidah	G. Qutub	4747815
9/8	Al Nasser	USA	4843150
SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUAIBA PORT			
B.No.	Ships Name	Agent	Tel.
2	Pearl	S.M.S	4745471
7	Anke	Marafie Int	2465645
9	Abu Basma	R.S.M.S	2423642
14	Hercules	BB Hassan	2440039
3	Tug Gulf Master	S. Shaheen	2432692
NBH3	Barge Dong	"	"
SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUAIBA PORT			
ETA	Ships Name	Agent	Tel.
OXI	Great Liberty	Al Kamal	2425437
11/8	Providence Bay	K.M.M.C.C	2419814
10/8	New Oasis	A.S. Marafie	4848665
11/8	Wilkie Orient	G.H. Barber	4842988
11/8	Atropos	M.A. Bahar	2433881
14/8	Soya Maru	R.S.M.S.	2423642
15/8	Tide Freedom	M.A. Bashir	2433881
COMPILED BY:			
Alghanim Barber Shipping Co. PO Box 21708-Safat-Kuwait, Alghanim Industries Shuwaikh-Airport Road, Tel. 4842988, 4843988, ext. 3614-3628			



Discovering a whole new world on early morning runs

# Making an adventure of jogging

By Peter I. Rose

NORTHAMPTON, Mass.: For me there is nothing better than getting up at the crack of dawn, slipping out of the hotel in the middle of a strange city, making a snap decision about whether to turn left or right, and then jogging off on a new adventure. I do it all the time, in the States and abroad.

Over the past 10 years I have run around the Ringstrasse in Vienna, down dusty roads in suburban Nairobi, through back alleys in Hong Kong, in and out of little villages high above Bellagio, along bustling avenues in Peking, and along the banks of the Liffey, the Thames, the Seine, the Rhine, and many other rivers.

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Such running around the world has a special quality to it. It is a kind of inversion of the oxymoron "same difference," which we used to say as kids. The different sameness of what I do to keep in shape and to see new places before starting a day's work is a most satisfying fringe benefit of my itinerant life. Research projects, meetings, and lectures keep me on the move.

While I have occasion to meet many people and to visit many interesting places on my trips, it is on early-morning jogs and off-hour weekend wanderings that I can especially feel the wondrous unity and amazing diversity of the family of man. Time and again I am struck by continuities and connections between me and those whose latitudes provide me with "heir-

sites" for comparative study. It's when I am literally on the road that much of what I study and write about, namely, culture and character, becomes most personally meaningful.

## Friendly

Most of the people I've encountered in my off-the-tourist-route excursions are warm and friendly. In places unused to the likes of me, they are sometimes a bit confused by my half-dressed presence as I suddenly appear from around a cobbled-stoned corner or over the brow of a brick-laid hill. I have seen the proverbial double take as early risers look at me, stop, and look again, in cities such as Madrid, Mexico City, New Delhi, Dubrovnik, Suva, Yugoslavia; Suva, in the Fijis;



Under Big Ben's shadow in London, joggers run and enjoy the sights.

children along Shanghai's Bund and down by the beach at Penang, Malaysia. I've been cheered by Swedes who called "Hup, hup, hup" as I ran along Stockholm's quay and by New Zealanders as I headed into the hills above Christchurch.

My obsession has rarely gotten me into serious trouble. On the contrary, it has often opened doors. I've found that occasional stops to talk or to try to communicate with the local people can pay off in a variety of ways.

I remember a morning in Xian, China; I ran from the grounds of my big, Soviet-style

hotel, off to the right, toward the centre. There, in the giant plaza of the new provincial building, were hundreds of people in groups ranging from six or eight to 40 or 50, all doing their exercises.

Few paid attention to me as I loomed by but was most curious about them.

I ran for another mile or so, then retraced my route. As I returned to the areas of activity, I stopped nearby and watched. At one point a young man came up to me and, in school-book English, said, "You jog, sir."

"Yes," I said.

"I do not jog, I exercise with

this," he said, showing me his wooden sword.

I asked him to tell me what he did with it. He bade me follow him, and we walked past several clusters of older people doing a kind of stylized shadowboxing to a waiting group of four young men. My new friend nodded to me, then joined the others. They started an elaborate routine of thrusts and parries, all accompanied by routinized foot movements.

While participating in the swordplay, the young Chinese who brought me there did not look at me. But I did notice him smile when, after 10 minutes or so, I waved at him and took my leave.

There was also the time I was running in the woods near the Holmenkollen ski jump high above the city of Oslo. It was a fantastic fall morning. Everything was in tones of yellow, green, and blue.

Quite unexpectedly, I heard footsteps behind me. Someone was gaining on me. I suppressed the urge to speed up and decided to let him or her pass. He, who turned out to be a man about my age, didn't. He merely caught up, fell in with my pace and started to chat.

We ran along together for another two miles or so, getting to know each other and to learn that, not only was he also a university professor, but one who was in my field and would be attending my lecture that very afternoon.

The next morning I ran with him in another part of the city and in the afternoon he took me to a fishing village I would never have seen. That was 12 years ago. We are still in touch.

What advice can I give to fellow runners who are travelling?

First, if you want to take the tried and true route, ask a connoisseur where you can run. It's pleasant to discover that, even in those places where the locals think joggers are a bit crazy, the activity has become sufficiently commonplace that they can usually tell you where to go.

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## Paan: pure Eastern delight

By Rebecca Hubbard

THE leaf is mild enough, the crisis coming when its fibres tear and the iron pyrites fall about and get under the tongue. Now the novice rises in disorder, rushes in panic to the courtyard, and spatters shrapnel over the bystanders: it is as if the whole mineral kingdom had invaded him under a vegetable veil, for simultaneously the lime starts stinging. If he can sit still through this, a heavenly peace ensues; the ingredients salute each other, a single sensation is established, and paan, without ceasing to be a problem, becomes a pleasure. — E.M. Forster.

Wherever Pakistani, Indian and Bangladeshi communities form, there is a paan (pronounced pain). Paan looks pretty innocuous, like triangular green samosas made from folded betel leaves. Inside, teeth meet woody betel nut, the misleading name (gained by association with betel leaves in paan) given to golf-ball size areca palm seeds.

Betal parings have beautiful dark markings reminiscent of tortoiseshell. A pinch of finely shredded, roasted, plain or yellow perfumed betel is added to ordinary paan; those with greater masticatory powers order whole slices. Such formidable paan can, I am told, outlast a car journey from London to Birmingham. Other "shrapnel" includes fennel seeds, green cardamom pods, and cloves.

## Magician

Paan is medicine rather than food: a digestive chewed cudlike after meals leaving breath sweet and mouth warm, clean and slightly anaesthetised. Some eat it habitually like chewing gum, taking off the wrapper (foil here, newspaper in Asia) and popping one in every hour. From Bombay to Southall, addicts bloody the street with characteristic vermilion spittle that, over the years, stains mouths and blackens teeth. Anglo-India would have no truck with paan, dubbing it "a filthy native habit."

Outlets are hard to spot. Often, paan are sold from tiny counters squashed in beside videos of Mughal-Azam or plastico millilake and sugar cane juice. Paan making

requires minimal space. In Asia, shops are often little more than a cupboard where the paan-maker sits cross-legged; a magician surrounded by myriad bowls of spices and pastes.

It is worth lashing out 40p just to watch a paan-maker's graceful performance. With deft fingers he dabs on this and sprinkles on that until there is a heap of seeds and goo on a leaf. Then he folds it with precise, unhurried movements. I always find inserting the bulging package a problem. Nibbling or unfolding a paan is improper; etiquette insists that it is squeezed in whole and the consequences avoided.

There are two main types of paan filling, mitha (sweet) and sada (plain). Mitha is beginner's paan, the one paan makers say the ladies prefer and which determined Westerners man-

age to keep in. Desiccated coconut and a smear of honey and fragrant rosewater soften impact. Sada is a purist's paan, caustic white lime replacing sweeteners. Approach with caution.

Other paan contain graded chewing tobacco or paste and cost up to £1 a throw. Cognoscenti specify exact paan prescriptions, ordering extra mouth chutney or plenty of liquorice-flavoured mouth freshener.

Paan forms a nucleus for social intercourse and hospitality. At night in central Karachi, flashy young men draw up in cars, tinny stereos blaring for a last Coke and paan. One can also "go to a paan," a low-key party, or give a paan tea with drinks and snacks. At Indian weddings, guests chomp though a couple of hundred mitha specials.



The eating of paan is firmly imbedded in the culture of the Asian subcontinent. This engraving shows women of the "resana" (ladies' quarter) with the traditional paan box.

## WINNERS OF THE SULTAN CENTER SUMMER SAVING FESTIVAL

The great lucky draw for attractive prizes of the Summer Saving Festival was held on Friday. The festival was organised by the Sultan Center in co-operation with a number of companies which contributed valuable prizes. The draw was attended by Musafir Abdul Karim, Marketing manager of the Sultan Center, Mazen Al Saleh, manager of the top floor of the Sultan Center in Salmiya, Lt. Abdul Aziz Al Mutawa as representative of the Ministry of the Interior, Mohammad Faraj, representative of

the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Musaed Al Khazzam, deputy manager of Ali and Fuad Al Ghanim Automobile Company, and Ralf Collins, sales manager of British Airways in Kuwait. A big crowd was also in attendance.

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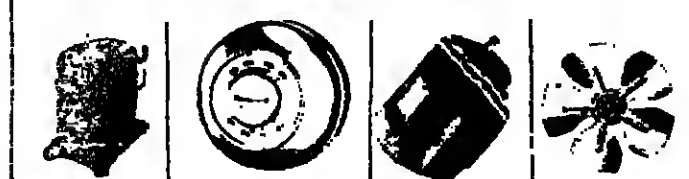
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BASEBALL  
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NEW YORK, Aug. 9. (AP) The Minnesota Twins' best offense has been a good defense.

The Twins have committed the fewest errors in baseball this season and turned a triple play in the fourth inning against Cleveland to lead them past the Indians 7-2 last night.

"They were threatening. It took momentum from their side and brought it into our dugout," said left fielder Dan Gladden, whose spectacular catch of a liner hit by Joe Carter started the triple play.

The Twins came back with three runs in the bottom of the fourth.

"Baseball is a game played with a lot of emotion and momentum," Gladden said. "They had a rally going and it pretty much killed it."

Alan Anderson, 10-7, gave up singles to Ron Washington and Willie Upshaw, bringing up Carter, the Indians' RBI leader with 7-5. Carter hit a drive to left with Washington and Upshaw running at the crack of the bat.

Gladden leaped against the wall to make the catch and threw back to second baseman Steve Lombardozzi. Lombardozzi tagged Washington as he raced back to second and with Upshaw frozen at second, Lombardozzi threw back to first baseman Gene Larkin.

Elsewhere in the American League Toronto 5, Kansas City 1; Detroit 3, Texas 2; Seattle 4, California 3; and Oakland 9, Chicago 5.

**Double**  
The triple play preserved a scoreless tie. Kirby Puckett led off the bottom of the fourth with a double against Chris Codiro, 0-3. Gary Gaetti tripod and Larkin hit the next pitch for his fifth homer.

"It was something of a spark, which the club needed at the time," Twins manager Tom Kelly said.

It was the second triple play turned by the Twins this season and the eighth in their 28-year history.

For Toronto, Jeff Musselman allowed three hits in seven innings and Ernie Whitt and Tony Fernandez combined for five RBIs as the Blue Jays beat Kansas City's Bret Saberhagen for the third straight time this season.

Detroit's Frank Tanana improved to 4-0 against Texas this season and Jim Walewander scored the go-ahead run when reliever Ed Vande Berg balked in the seventh inning.

Jay Buhner singled to snap an eighth-inning tie and Mark Langston allowed four hits in eight innings to lead Seattle.

And Mark McGwire hit his 30th home run and Dave Henderson had four of Oakland's 14 hits.

Glenn Hubbard hit a homer, his second of the season and also his second in as many days, and Jose Canseco got his 88th RBI on calendar date 8-8-88 to tie Boston's Mike Greenwell for the League lead.

For the Pittsburgh Pirates, Monday is the only day to play the New York Mets. The Pirates have won just four games against New York this season. All four, including a 1-0 victory to close out their four-game series in Pittsburgh, have been on Mondays.

"It was a big game for us, because it meant we're six out instead of eight out," manager Jim Leyland said. "I don't think you can start draping a flag on our coffin just yet."

The Mets won the first three games of a series in New York last weekend before the Pirates took the closer 7-2. The NL East leaders did the same thing in Pittsburgh, failing to get the sweep when rookie Rick Reed and reliever Jim Gott blanked them over three hits. That effort was slightly better than Bobby Ojeda's for the Mets, who lead Pittsburgh by six games and Montreal by 6 1/2.

"When you win the first three games, you want the sweep, but we just didn't do it," Keith Hernandez said.

**Trained**  
The victory ended Pittsburgh's five-game slide.

Elsewhere in the National League, it was Houston 10, Los Angeles 0; San Francisco 5, Atlanta 2; and St. Louis 4, Montreal 2.

The first night game at Wrigley Field was rained out with Chicago leading Philadelphia 3-1 in the fourth inning.

Houston, which trailed first-place Los Angeles by eight games two weeks ago, has crept within 1 1/2 games in the West. The Astros won five of seven games with the Dodgers in that span.

Mike Scott pitched an eight-hit shutout, struck out six and walked one for his fourth shutout this year, and sixth complete game. Scott has won six of his last seven decisions.

## SLANEY CRUISES HOME FIRST IN MILE

## Griffith-Joyner scores easy win

MALMO, Sweden, Aug. 9. (Reuters) World record holder Florence Griffith-Joyner overcame a bad start to win the women's 100 metres at the international athletics meeting here on Monday.

Griffith-Joyner was unable to threaten her record time of 10.49 seconds set in the US Olympic trials in Indianapolis last month after failing to leave the blocks with her customary drive.

**Opposition**  
But she soon ran down the opposition to win in 11.10 seconds from Jamaica's Juliet Cuthbert who finished in 11.23. Griffith-Joyner's American teammate Danette Young was third in 11.27.

"I could see I wasn't going to do a fantastic time after the slow start, but I was happy with the race after that. I ran it the way I should have," said Griffith-Joyner, who was one of her trademark running suits with one leg covered and the other exposed.

Ed Moses of the United States had a comfortable victory in the 400 metres hurdles, demonstrating



Slaney: In right condition for Games

ing he is still the man to beat as he heads for Seoul where he will attempt to win his third Olympic title.

Pre-Olympic caution prevented Moses, like most of the

world-class athletes competing in Malmö, from extending himself more than required to win.

He coasted home in 47.89 seconds, three metres ahead of second-placed Amadou Dia Ba

of Senegal, but well outside his world record of 47.02 and his best time this year of 47.37.

"I am running better now than I did last year, probably because I am running only half the number of races. Now all I have to do is keep my level before Seoul," Moses said.

World junior 400 metres champion Steve Lewis commanded his event with the ease of an old-timer, delighting the 20,000 crowd with a convincing win in 44.75 seconds ahead of fellow-American Kevin Young who clocked 45.67.

Carl Lewis, who won four gold medals at the 1984 Olympics, was another easy winner, cruising home in the 200 metres in 20.32 seconds ahead of fellow-American Henry Thomas who was timed in 20.57.

Lewis, a tooth-brace belying his pop star image, had a fast start and led all the way as a sea mist came in to shroud the Malmö stadium.

"I am feeling good, I am going to have a great European tour and then an even better Olympic," said a confident Lewis.

who has four more running dates in Europe before heading for Seoul.

Mary Slaney, who showed superb form in the US Olympic trials after a two-year absence through injury and the birth of her daughter, won the mile in four minutes 22.86 seconds.

Although this is more than six seconds outside her world record set in 1983, she said her performance indicated she was in the right condition to compete with the new generation of 3,000-metre runners she will meet in Seoul.

A major disappointment for the crowd was the performance of Patrik Sjöberg, whose best effort of 2.25 metres in the high jump was well below the world record of 2.42 he set in Stockholm last year.

Sjöberg, who has been struggling to find his best form during the current outdoor season, said he was free of injury and that his training was still progressing well for Seoul.

American Hollis Conway won the high jump with 2.31, Sjöberg finishing equal third.



Evans catches her breath after setting the US record.

## Evans and Biondi break US records

AUSTIN, Texas, Aug. 9. (Reuters) Superswimmer Janel Evans set an American record in the 400-metre individual medley yesterday — the first day of the US Olympic trials at the University of Texas Swim Centre.

The 16-year-old Evans, world record holder in the 400,800 and 1500-metre freestyle, won the 400 km in four minutes 38.58 seconds, breaking the previous record of 4:39.24 set by American Tracy Caulkins at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics.

**Race**  
Erika Hansen also qualified for the Olympic squad with a second place finish in 4:42.37. The top two finishers in each individual final qualify for the Seoul Olympics.

"I gave everything I had during the race," Evans said. "I always like to have a race at the end, but I still gave everything I had."

Two other US records fell over the course of the day.

Matt Biondi, 25, swam the second fastest 200-metre freestyle in history during the morning heats, but was upset by Troy Dalbey in the final.

Biondi, world record holder in the 100-metre freestyle, just missed West German Michael Gross's 200-metre world record of 1:47.44 with a qualifying time of 1:47.72.

"The idea is to make the team," said Biondi. "I went all out in the morning and was a little tired tonight."

Dalbey won the final in 1:48.35 and Biondi was second in 1:48.37. "It wouldn't have mattered if I was second, I made the Olympic team," Dalbey said.

Angel Myers, 21, set a US record in the 100-metre freestyle of 55.15 seconds in the morning preliminaries and came back to better the mark in the final.

Two notable names will be missing from the US swimming squad in Seoul next month.

Jill Sierckel, 27, failed in her attempt to become the first woman in US history to qualify for four consecutive Olympic teams when she finished seventh in the 100-metre freestyle with a time of 56.61.

**Pulled**

John Mifflin, former world record holder in the 100-metre breaststroke who had his gold medal dreams dashed at the 1984 Olympics when he pulled a thigh muscle, was disappointed again when he failed to qualify for the 1988 Games in the event.

Rich Schroeder won the 100-metre breaststroke final in 1:01.96 and Daniel Waters was second in 1:02.76.

Moffitt, 24, finished the final in eighth place with a time of 1:03.92.

## Player outlasts Charles to win US Senior Open

MEDINAH, Illinois, Aug. 9. (AP) Defending champion Gary Player finished off co-leader Bob Charles yesterday with a 4-under-par 68, to win their 18-hole playoff by two strokes and the US Senior Open golf championship.

The extra round became necessary when Charles, a 52-year-old New Zealander and the Senior Tour's leading money-winner, blew a three-shot lead Sunday over the final four holes of the 6,881-yard layout.

**Approach**  
Both men parred the first two holes going out yesterday. But Player grabbed a quick two-stroke advantage with a 12-foot birdie putt at the 404-yard third hole while Charles made bogey after being forced to play his approach from the trees on the right side of the fairway after an errant tee shot.

The 52-year-old South African picked up another stroke with a par at No. 4 after Charles failed to get up-and-down in two from the rough on the right side

of the green.

The two matched birdies at the par-5 fifth hole and then pars at No. 6.

But Player, who shattered the Senior Open record last year with a 14-under 270 total at Brooklawn Country Club, canned a 40-footer from below the cup at the 571-yard seventh hole for his third birdie on the front. Charles missed a 12-footer and settled for par.

Both parred the last two as well, Player making the turn brimming with confidence. Charles with 37.

The two, who have been friends for more than 30 years, were co-leaders after the third round as well. They began Sunday tied at 215 — the only players still in the red — and both shot 1-over 73 to finish regulation play tied at even-par 288.

Charles was 3-under-par after the last of his three birdies Sunday at No. 14, and held a three-stroke lead that promptly vanished as he went bogey-bogey-bogey before paring the 18th.

Rugby union  
tour of S. Africa  
called off

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 9. (Reuters) An international rugby union tour of South Africa was called off today after only a handful of players heaved the anti-apartheid sports boycott to join the squad.

The world XV's manager, Australian Charles Wilson, made the announcement at a news conference in Pretoria just four days before the seven-match series was due to open there.

Wilson said tour organisers had been unable to assemble a team strong enough to match South Africa's powerful Springboks side.

Wilson, accompanied by proposed coach Alec Evans, arrived in South Africa from Australia today to be told that few players had responded to South Africa's invitation.

Only 11 players from Fiji, Tonga, Australia and Hawaii had turned up.

Others, including the Australian and French stars who would have been the squad's mainstay, stayed away in the face of anti-apartheid pressure from politicians and sports administrators.

**Confident**

It was a blow for the country's rugby bosses who until a week ago had proclaimed they were confident of breaching the sports boycott.

Wallabies captain Nick Farr-Jones, one of six Australians who had been prepared to join the tour, said today the South African Rugby Board had not put together a strong enough team to make the trip worthwhile.

South Africa's failure was not through lack of trying. There was jubilation among whites, for many of whom rugby is close to a religion, when it was announced in March that the sport's world body, the International Rugby Board, would lift sanctions against players going to South Africa as individuals to allow up to five from each member country to join the proposed world XV.

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## Moses goes for third Olympic gold

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana, Aug. 9. (Reuters) At the age of 33, Edwin Moses, the greatest 400-metre hurdler of all time, will set out to put the young pretenders firmly in their place by winning his third Olympic title — 12 years after the first one.

"This is the one I'm not supposed to get," said Moses, Olympic champion in 1976 and 1984. "I've got to hold off the dogs one more time."

He certainly held off the youngsters last month at the US Olympic trials when he outclassed a field that included 23-year-old Danny Harris and 21-year-old Kevin Young.

**Clocked**

What did Moses think of the age difference between himself and the opposition? "Unbelievable," he said simply.

Some might say the same about his time. Despite very warm conditions, Moses clocked 47.37 seconds for the fastest 400-metre hurdles ever run in the United States and the seventh best of all time.

Despite dominating the sport for so long, Moses has not become complacent nor lost his desire to win.

"I'm hungry to show these guys who's the best," he said. "I still love the sport so there's no reason to stop. I know I can com-

pete at my best. I still feel hungry and I can go out and win."

One day, his competitors swear, the man who runs all 10 of history's fastest 400 metres hurdles is going to lose again.

It happened twice in 1987. Harris ended Moses' unbeaten nine-year, 122-race victory streak in June in Madrid. Two weeks later, in Paris, Moses failed to finish a race after his glasses fogged up and he fell.

Many predicted that the end was near for Moses. But in September, the victor at the World Championships in Rome was Edwin Moses, a champion by 0.02 of a second over West German Harald Schmid and Harris.

Schmid urged him to retire, to take some of the reported \$500,000 Moses earns annually from athletics and enjoy life with wife Myrella, a Berlin-born artist.

"Moses chuckled at the suggestion and a few months later began preparations for another Olympic season."

"I wish I were like a musician or an artist and could do this all of my life," he said. "But it's a young man's game. A high-performance sport. You may be as young as you feel, but when you're 50 years old you can't do it any more."

But age has not yet begun to trouble Moses, 34 on August 31,

and he believes he could run faster than ever in Seoul.

"It looks like this may be the year I go under 47 seconds based on what I'm doing now," Moses said after his Olympic trials victory.

He set the world record of 47.02 seconds in 1983, his eighth year of hurdling.

His first experience of the 400 metres hurdles came in 1975 while he was a second-year engineering and physics student at Morehouse College in Atlanta.

Only a year later Moses was the Olympic champion and the world's top-ranked hurdler. He retained that honour for six consecutive years before taking 1982 off to recover from an illness.

**Undefeated**  
Top rankings followed in 1983, 1984 and 1987. An injury sidelined him in 1985 and he ranked second to Andre Phillips in 1986, although he was undefeated.

As his stature grew, so did the honours. Moses was voted the 1983 Sullivan Award winner as the United States' top amateur athlete.

He serves on the executive board of the US Olympic Committee (USOC) and is a member of the athletes' advisory commissions of the USOC, the International Amateur Athletic

Strong Canadian  
squad for Games

OTTAWA, Aug. 9. (AP) Canada will send a veteran track team, headed by world champion Ben Johnson, to the summer Olympic Games in Seoul next month.

The Canadian Track and Field Association announced its list of 59 nominations yesterday and may add up to 10 more athletes by early September, providing they meet qualifying standards established by the Canadian Olympic Association.

"We just had our best-ever Canadian championships on the weekend," said national head coach Gerard Mach of Ottawa at a news conference.

At last month's trials in Indianapolis, the men produced some of the most outstanding performances in history, including the fastest 100-metre dash ever run, a wind-aided 9.78-second clocking by Lewis. Wind-aided times are not recognised for world records.

Huntsman called the 400-metre intermediate hurdles "our strongest event."

"It's our strongest three-man team compared to the rest of the world," he said, referring to two-time Olympic gold medalist Edwin Moses, Andre Phillips and Kevin Young.

strong in the shot put, the pole vault and the high jump, events which we used to be strong.

"The last five or six years, we haven't had a leading candidate in those events, which is unusual."

**Edge**

Still, Huntsman feels the Americans should better their haul of six golds, four silvers and three bronzes at the 1987 World Championships.

"I think we have a great team, but there is always the concern of keeping the edge (from the Olympic trials)," Huntsman said.

## Coe's athletics career in doubt after latest setback

LONDON, Aug. 9. (Reuters) Sebastian Coe, who has had to contend with triumph and disaster in almost equal measure during a decade at the forefront of world athletics, may find his latest setback too much even for his great resilience.

Yesterday Coe was left out of Britain's track-and-field team for the Seoul Olympics starting next month.

His omission meant there would be no defence of the 1,500 metres title he won in Moscow in 1980 and retained four years later in Los Angeles. Nor would he run in the 800 metres in which he won silver medals at the last two Olympics.

It is the sort of disappointment Coe has become used to and shown a remarkable ability to respond to in a positive manner.

His second 1,500 metres gold medal at the 1984 Games crowned one of the most remarkable comebacks in the history of the Olympics. Only weeks before he



## BECKER WITHDRAWS FROM CANADIAN OPEN

## Curren struggles to cool anger

TORONTO, Ontario, Aug. 9, (UPI): Fourteenth seed Kevin Curren last night fought his way into the second round of the \$602,000 Canadian Open tennis tournament with a 6-4, 5-7, 6-3 victory over fellow-American Matt Anger.

Curren, who was the only seeded player to see action in yesterday's opening round, overcame a nagging ankle injury and plus 84 degree (28.8C) temperatures to outlast a determined Anger, in a match that took 2 hours, 7 minutes to complete.

**Suffering**  
"I haven't been able to get into any sort of rhythm," said the South African-born Curren, who has not played competitively since suffering his injury in opening round play at Wimbledon. "Because of the injury I'm not really where I'd like to be even though I feel I'm a more complete player now than I was a few years ago."

After a relatively easy first set, Curren fell behind in the second as Anger broke him to go ahead 3-0. The 30-year-old Curren, currently ranked 29th on the



Becker signs an autograph for two unbelieving ball boys before announcing his withdrawal. (Reuter wirephoto)

Association of Tennis Professionals computer rankings, then fought back to tie it at 3-3 only to have Anger break him in the deciding game to take the second set 7-5.

Curren broke back in the first game of the third set then held

serve before breaking Anger in the final game to take the match. Third-seeded West German Boris Becker withdrew from the tournament due to a persistent foot injury.

Becker, who has been suffering from plantar fasciitis,

inflamed fibrous tissue that connects the bones along the bottom of the foot, for the last six weeks made the announcement yesterday afternoon during opening round play.

Even though the 20-year-old was able to capture the US Hard-court Championship on Sunday in Indianapolis, the condition became so severe that the former Wimbledon champ decided to bypass the Canadian Open and return to Munich for treatment.

"I've had problems in both feet for six weeks," said Becker, who made a special trip to Toronto to explain his reasons for withdrawing. "In Friday's quarterfinals it really began to hurt and then after Saturday's semifinal I knew there was no way I could play in Toronto."

"I felt the further I got in Indianapolis the more it hurt. I knew that may sound crazy after beating (John) McEnroe 6-4, 6-2 in the final."

Becker's concerns revolve around being fit to play in the US Open starting later this month and the Seoul Olympics. The injury, however, has

progressed to the point that Canadian Open tournament physician J. P. Schaman would give Becker only a 50-50 chance of being ready for the US Open.

"It's a common sports injury but if you don't treat it aggressively it becomes chronic," said Schaman.

"Now I'm thinking more for the future with the US Open and Seoul coming up. I need to be 110 per cent," added Becker. "I'm looking to the future. I don't want to risk everything now."

In early first round play, Derrick Rostagno defeated fellow-American Richey Renberg 7-5, 6-2, and Australian Simon Youl scored a 6-3, 7-5 victory over John Ross of the United States.

American Doug Flach, the lowest ranked player in the tournament at 898, continued to advance.

Receiving opening round byes were No. 1 seed Ivan Lendl, No. 2 Stefan Edberg, No. 4 Jimmy Connors, No. 5 Pat Cash, No. 6 Tim Mayotte, No. 7 Andre Gomez and No. 8 John McEnroe.

## Four seeds advance on opening day

## Lindqvist reaches 2nd round

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 9, (Reuter): All four seeded players to see opening day action, including ninth seed Catarina Lindqvist of Sweden and 14th seed Sara Gomer of Britain, safely reached the second round of the \$300,000 Los Angeles tennis tournament yesterday.

Top seed Chris Evert, second-seeded fellow-American Pam Shriver, and third seed Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina all receive first round byes in the 56-player hardcourt tune-up event for the US Open which begins later this month.

The 28th-ranked Lindqvist,

the highest seed to play yesterday took the first set 6-3 and was leading 4-1 in the second when American Ely Hakami retired because of painful shin splints.

**Deliver**

Gomer eliminated Anna Ivan of the US 6-4, 6-4 to lead two other British players, Jo Durie and Monique Javer — also straight set winners — into the second round.

American Halle Cioffi, seeded 13, advanced with a comfortable 6-2, 6-3 win over Australia's Michelle Jaggard, while 12th-seeded American Gretchen

Magers needed three sets to beat compatriot Lisa Bonder-Kries 2-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Gomer, ranked 49 in the world, had difficulty with her big first serve in the opening set because of the bright sun overhead, but she managed to deliver six aces and eight service winners in the match to capture the crucial points.

After a first set that included five service breaks, the 24-year-old Gomer held her serve all five times in the second set and captured Ivan's serve in the ninth game with two net approaches to clinch victory.



Durie: in 2nd round

## Lora tests positive for amphetamines

LOS ANGELES, California, Aug. 9, (UPI): Traces of amphetamines were found in the urine taken from Miguel Lora after the Colombian successfully defended his World Boxing Council bantamweight title, the California Athletic Commission said today.

Lora had previously been suspended by the commission after it was concluded he ingested sugar during the July 25 fight against Albert Davila at the Forum.

**Serious**

"The returns came back today and Lora tested positive for amphetamines," said commission member Marty Denkin. "Davila did not. The commission will deal with this in a very serious manner. This is a violation of the rules involving drugs and stimulants, and it involves a champion."

Denkin said Lora, who won a unanimous 12-round decision, was requested to attend an Aug. 19 commission meeting in San Diego. He said the commission has four options to recommend to the WBC — refer disciplinary action to the WBC, let the decision stand and fine or suspend the boxer, declare the bout a no-decision, or disqualify Lora. The WBC is the only body which can strip Lora of his crown.

The purses — \$75,000 for Lora and \$25,000 for Davila — were held following the bout.

Two bottles were taken from Lora's corner during the bout. The liquid was examined in a Los Angeles laboratory and found to contain cocaine.

**Captured**

Lora, who has made seven successful defenses of the title he won from Daniel Zaragoza in 1985, captured an easy decision in the bout which was marred by an incident in the ninth round when a spectator threw a white towel into the ring.

Lora, 27, has won all 30 of his pro fights, including two against Davila, who fell to 55-10-1. Davila, a 33-year-old from Pomona, California, fell to Lora in 1986 when he suffered a broken nose in losing a 12-round unanimous decision.

## Training centre

MOSCOW, Aug. 9, (Reuter): A series of sports complexes has been completed in Vladimir and surrounding parts of the Soviet Far East to enable the country's athletes to train for this year's Seoul Olympics, Izvestia said yesterday.

## Neale boosts Worcestershire

LONDON, Aug. 9, (Reuter): A career-best 167 by captain Phil Neale boosted Worcestershire's county championship hopes by putting them in sight of victory over Sussex at Kidderminster yesterday.

Neale cracked 24 fours and a six as Worcester scored 370 to take a first innings lead of 224. Sussex then struggled in their second innings to be 221 for eight at the close of the second day of the three-day match.

**Spirited**

Sussex's plight would have been even worse had it not been for a spirited 65 from Alan Wells and 55 from Tony Pigott. Worcestershire's total owed much to a fifth-wicket stand of 181 between Neale and Martin Weston who scored 94.

Worcestershire are currently third in the county table with 180 points from 15 matches, 35 behind leaders Kent but with a game in hand. Kent are without a game as are second-placed Essex who have 188 points from 16 matches.

England rejects John Emburey and Paul Downton took Middlesex to the verge of their first championship win



Neale: hit 167

since May on a disastrous day for Lancashire at Old Trafford. Downton hammered 120, his first century of the season, to steer Middlesex from 60 for four to 305 and give them a first innings lead of 70.

Then, after seamer Norman Cowans had ripped out Graeme Fowler and Gehan Mendis with only 11 on the board, Emburey took over with a mesmerising spell of four for 14 in 17 overs.

Lancashire finished on 98 for eight, only 28 runs in front.

**Scores**  
At Swansea: Surrey 297 in

123.5 overs. Glamorgan 249 for nine in 90 overs (A. Butcher 54, H. Morris 51, A. Cottley 50).

At Leicester: Leicestershire 298 in 100.3 overs and 32 for one. Hampshire 260 for eight declared in 97.3 overs (K. James 77).

At Weston-Super-Mare: Derbyshire 324 in 119.5 overs (A. Warner 45) and 58 for no wicket. Somerset 281 for eight declared in 78.3 overs (R. Bartlett 66, J. Hardy 60, V. Marks 46, S. Waugh 44).

At Cheltenham: Yorkshire 367 for eight declared in 100.4 overs. Gloucestershire 214 in 76 overs (A. Stovold 49, A. Siddons 50 for five) and 148 for two (P. Bainbridge 73 not out).

At Old Trafford: Lancashire 235 in 107.1 overs and 98 for eight. Middlesex 305 in 103.2 overs (P. Downton 120, R. Butcher 49).

At Edgbaston: Northamptonshire 261 in 89.3 overs and 86 for nine. Warwickshire 278 in 88.1 overs (A. Lloyd 121, W. Davis five for 76).

At Kidderminster: Sussex 146 in 47.3 overs and 221 for eight (A. Wells 65). Worcestershire 370 in 112.3 overs (P. Neale 167, M. Weston 94).

## Kuwait Nomads lose rugby ground

By Jadranka Porter

THE Kuwait Nomads, the only rugby club in Kuwait and the current Middle East champions, were on Saturday given a week to vacate the grounds in Fintas in a move which puts into jeopardy the future of the sport in the country.

The club's chairman Peter Jones said he was notified of the decision by the Fintas Municipality which requires the land for a development project. The Kuwait Nomads have nowhere to go, he said, and are currently looking for a tract of land where they can set up a pitch and install their portakabin clubhouse.

**Supposed**

The timing of the decision is particularly bad as it hits the players at a time they are supposed to begin training for the forthcoming September-April season. The Nomads were supposed to start their pre-season training last Sunday.

The decision also comes in the wake of their most successful season ever during which Kuwait was firmly placed into the leading position on the Middle East rugby scene.



The Nomads in action on the Fintas pitch which they have now to vacate.

The Nomads won the 1987 Middle East 15-a-side tournament. Their first team were champions in the Gulf League and Cup competitions and their second team won the Second Team Competition in the Gulf, all of which were played in 1987/88 season.

The players feel they could repeat the last season's success if they had a place to train, says Jones. The club is appealing to

individuals and institutions for help. Their immediate need is for a place to store their equipment including the floodlights and a generator as well as their mobile cabin club house and changing rooms.

In the medium term they would need a pitch, and according to Jones even an old farm roughly the size of a football field would do. "The club has the expertise and equipment to turn

it into a proper pitch" he said.

Kuwait's sand is ideal for the purpose so long as it is kept moist and raked, he added. But he stresses that a rugby pitch cannot be used for any other sports.

The club was first set up 40 years ago and for 35 years it enjoyed the support of Kuwait Oil Company which provided a pitch. But five years ago when KOC made staff cuts it also withdrew its support to the Kuwait



Henric Nielsen (centre) of Greece's AEK is stopped by Galatasaray's Metin Yildiz (left). Galatasaray, the Turkish soccer champions, lost the match 3-4 in Istanbul on Monday. (Reuter wirephoto)

## English TV war settled in £47 million deal

LONDON, Aug. 9, (UPI): The immediate threat of a "Super League" disappeared yesterday when representatives of the English League's 92 clubs accepted a bid from independent television (ITV) for the right to televise League soccer.

After more than two and a half hours of talks in a London hotel, the clubs agreed upon a method for sharing out the £47 million (\$80 million) expected from the 4-year deal.

The 20 First Division clubs will share 75 per cent of the money, the 24 members of the Second Division will split 12-1/2 per cent with the remainder divided between the Third and Fourth Division clubs.

**Threat**

The deal and the formula for dividing the spoils removed the threat of the League's top clubs breaking away to form a so-called Super League, a move aimed

at securing the lion's share of TV money for the handful of clubs predominantly featured in broadcasts.

The clubs also agreed that any member wishing to leave the League would have to give three years' notice, a further safeguard against the sort of instant breakaway rumoured to be imminent this summer.

Liverpool, Everton, Manchester United, Tottenham and Arsenal were rumoured to be considering the formation of a new League, along with seven other clubs who also have stadiums that could accommodate large crowds.

The League clubs also agreed to set up a re-structuring committee with a brief to look at ways of streamlining the League. The committee should report to the League annual meeting in 1989 with proposals that could be adopted for the 1990-91 season.

The broadcast agreement with ITV covers only League and League Cup matches.

## India hold Pakistan

QUETTA, Pakistan, Aug. 9, (Reuter): India ensured victory in their six-match hockey series with Pakistan by holding their Olympic champion rivals to a 1-1 draw in the fifth Test today.

India led the series 2-1 and defeat in the last Test at Karachi on Thursday cannot stop them retaining the honours as they won the last series against Pakistan in 1986.

Pakistan led 1-0 at halftime thanks to a penalty corner converted by left-fullback Qazi Mohib. India equalised in the second half through left-fullback Pargat Singh.

The previous match between the two sides at Lahore on Sunday also finished 1-1.

Pakistan had the territorial advantage throughout the first half but could not convert field scoring chances.

Mohib, the hero of Pakistan's

win at Gwalior in the third Test, put his side ahead in the 23rd minute, capitalising on the game's first penalty corner which was awarded for Pargat Singh's body-tackling of Pakistani right-winger Qamar Ibrahim.

Pakistan failed to convert two further penalty corners. But they were unlucky when winger Qamar Ibrahim shot yards wide of the target after beating the entire Indian defence in the 12th minute. Centre-forward Tassaddaq Hussain did the same two minutes before time.

India made three changes in the second half, replacing experienced Mohammad Shahid, inside-left Jude Felix and right winger R.P. Singh with Balwinder Singh, Jagbir Singh and Gundee Kumar.

In the 54th minute, India got their third penalty corner which was converted by Pargat Singh.

Later, he said.

Team-mate Sean Yates, who won a time trial in the Tour de France, was third behind another Briton, Mark Walsham.

Irishman Stephen Roche, leader of the Fagor team, who has had a disastrous season following his triple triumph last year when he won the Tours of France and Italy and the world road racing title, came home seventh.

Roche, in his first major test since a three-month layoff with a knee injury, is still in dispute with his Spanish sponsors over a new contract.

"I have told them that I will ride for them next year. I know they want to keep me (longer) but I cannot go on like this," he said.

**Confident**  
"I am not here to blow myself out in two days by defending my lead. I would rather let it go, confident that I can get it back

later," he said.

The club is primarily worried about the lack of security of tenure over any land without which it is difficult to ensure the future of the sport in the country. But the Nomads would also like to see more general support for rugby in Kuwait.

"We certainly need assistance in getting visas for other teams to come and play in Kuwait" says Jones. "Our existence is hanging by the thread," says Jones but he and other club members still hold hope that someone in Kuwait will come forward with a constructive plan that would save the club's future from being wrecked.

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